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Here is a local article covering it, but I think it has also appeared in national news sources.

<https://www.sltrib.com/news/nation-world/2018/01/17/nearly-all-members-of-the-national-park-service-advisory-panel-resign-in-frustration-including-one-from-utah/>

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A few of you had inquired about some advisory board members resigning, yet I wanted you to be aware of the statements DOI has given on this issue as you can see in the following articles. This is merely for everyone's awareness.

There will be a process for filling these vacancies and once that is established we will make that public.

<http://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/369400-interior-cheers-resignations-of-national-park-advisers>

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/interior-department-tells-national-park-advisers-good-riddance/article/2646198>

<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/alaska/articles/2018-01-17/interior-official-blasts-resignation-of-parks-advisory-board>

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Helena (MT) Independent Record: Interior bids good riddance to advisory board; members say Zinke ignored them

Rob Chaney
January 17, 2018

An Interior Department official called the resignation of 10 members of the National Park Service Advisory Board a “hollow and dishonest political stunt” and vowed they would be soon replaced by more dedicated appointees.

“We welcome their resignations and would expect nothing less than quitting from members who found it convenient to turn a blind eye to women being sexually harassed at National Parks and praise a man as ‘inspiring’ who had been blasted by the inspector general for ethics and management failures, all while taking credit for the extensive work of private companies during the NPS centennial celebration,” Associate Deputy Secretary of the Interior Todd Willens wrote in an email to the Missoulian on Wednesday.

“The Department is happy to report that we have a number of individuals who have expressed interest in joining the board and we will now fast-track filling these new vacancies with people who are actually dedicated to working with the Department to better our national parks. We expect to have a full board meeting soon.”

The advisory board members, who quit earlier this week, had questioned why Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke had not scheduled any meetings for them during 2017 and why he appeared to be abandoning the board’s counsel.

“For the last year we have stood by waiting for the chance to meet and continue the partnership

between the NPSAB and the DOI as prescribed by law,” wrote board member Carrie Hessler Radelet, president of Project Concern International and former director of the Peace Corps.

“(O)ur requests to engage have been ignored and the matters on which we wanted to brief the new Department team are clearly not part of its agenda,” Hessler Radelet continued. “I wish the National Park System and Service well and will always be dedicated to their success. However, from all of the events of this past year I have a profound concern that the mission of stewardship, protection, and advancement of our National Parks has been set aside. I hope that future actions of the Department of Interior demonstrate that this is not the case.”

Willens said it was “patently false” to claim the Interior Department was ignoring the board. He wrote he was working on Jan. 8 to renew the board’s charter, fill vacancies and hold a meeting in a few weeks. He also accused two members of claiming to resign after their terms had already expired.

“Their hollow and dishonest political stunt should be a clear indicator of the intention of this group,” Willens wrote. The department has published a notice in the Federal Register seeking nominations for three open positions on the 12-member board. Its current charter expired on Dec. 30.

The other resignees included Grand Lake, Colorado, Mayor Judy Burke; former director of the George Lucas Educational Foundation Milton Chen; conservation lands executive Belinda Faustinos; University of Kentucky assistant professor Carolyn Finney; former Alaska Gov. Tony Knowles; Land Trust Alliance National Council chairwoman and former National Parks Conservation Association chairwoman Gretchen Long; former Berkana Institute president Margaret Wheatley; former New Mexico Attorney General Paul Bardacke, and Yale University professor Stephen Pitti. Bardacke and Pitti apparently were the signatories whose terms had already expired.

Members who didn’t sign the letter were Harvard Kennedy School professor Linda Bilmes, a former Commerce Department assistant secretary; and Johns Hopkins professor and former director of the National Science Foundation Rita Colwell.

Resigning board member Faustinos said that her fellow volunteers on the board were taken aback when neither of their usual two meetings a year were convened in 2017. She also disputed Willen’s comments.

“It’s typical for this administration to defend itself with half-truths,” Faustinos said on Wednesday. “We were never asked to work on sexual harassment. Our job was to advise the director on his call to action.”

In Faustinos’ case, that involved finding ways to highlight Latino heritage in NPS history and to encourage urban residents to venture into the backcountry of the park system.

Willens’ reference to the “inspiring” man apparently referred to former NPS Director Jonathan Jarvis, who was investigated for ethical violations regarding a book on marketing to national

parks he wrote while in office. An Inspector General report found Jarvis did not profit from the book, but had failed to consult with the agency's ethics department or keep his superiors advised about the project.

Former Montana Congressman Zinke pledged to eliminate sexual harassment in the Interior Department after numerous female National Park Service workers reported abusive or criminal behavior by colleagues. A NPS survey released in October found one in 10 NPS employees had experienced sexual harassment in the past year, and Zinke released a plan to fix the problem.

According to its own website, the National Park System Advisory Board was founded in 1935. Its mission is to advise the director of the National Park Service and the Interior Secretary on "matters relating to the National Park Service, the National Park System, and programs administered by the National Park Service, including the administration of the Historic Sites, Buildings, and Antiquities Act; the designation of national historic landmarks and national natural landmarks; and the national historic significance of proposed national historic trails."

It's supposed to have no more than 12 members, chosen to represent the nation's geographic regions as well as technical fields like archaeology and landscape architecture, land management and various professional or scientific disciplines. At least one had to be a locally elected official adjacent to a national park. The Interior Secretary appointed all members for terms not to exceed four years.

"The board advises on so many issue concerning the parks, many of which aren't political or controversial," said Kristen Brengel, vice president for governmental affairs at the National Parks Conservation Association. "This administration continues to disregard what the public expects and wants. That's part of a larger story about dismissing public comment and public engagement. I hope they change their tune on this."

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Sincerely,
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Esteemed Colleagues,

This is just a reminder that public comment is being received for both NM's in Utah:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/01/16/2018-00520/notice-of-intent-to-prepare-monument-management-plans-for-the-bears-ears-national-monument-indian>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2018/01/16/2018-00518/notice-of-intent-to-prepare-resource-management-plans-for-the-grand-staircase-escalante-national>

And below are the two BLM press releases for those respective NM's:

<https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-public-input-planning-Bears-Ears>

<https://www.blm.gov/press-release/blm-seeks-public-input-planning-Grand-Staircase-Escalante>

Best Wishes,

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Well, based on this email list, I think you have your advisory group. Except Matt who gets crazy and drinks way too much diet coke! Oh, and add Todd Myers to the list. We'd have the best advisory board ever.

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Hi Jason,

I hope you enjoyed Florida! We got 14 inches of snow here in Utah today and the beach is sounding pretty good right about now haha. Here is a link to my latest op-eds on Bears Ears and the Grand Staircase-Escalante Enhancement Act. Just wanted to keep you guys in the loop.

<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/the-mad-rush-of-bears-ears-mining-claims-that-never-happened/article/2649382>

<https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/374280-how-to-fix-the-unintended-consequences-of-grand-staircase>

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[FAQ Reorg and Boundaries 2 22 18.pdf](#)
[New Draft Unified Boundary Map 2 15 18.pdf](#)
[Unified Regional Boundaries - one-pager.pdf](#)
[Overall Reorg 2-pager.pdf](#)
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Email from our Director:

In order to provide states and state partners with early, meaningful and substantive input on the development of U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) policies and initiatives, on January 11th and January 12th, DOI held briefing calls with Governors, local governments and stakeholders to discuss and solicit feedback regarding a draft map of DOI unified regional boundaries.

The discussion was focused on establishing unified regional boundaries for the Bureaus within the Department. On these calls, DOI discussed how these proposed boundary changes would reduce administrative redundancy, share resources more effectively, improve coordination among federal, state and local agencies, improve interagency coordination, drive more decisions to be made at the regional level rather than in Washington DC and facilitate joint problem-solving.

Most importantly, as part of a clear and accountable process with states and state partners, DOI asked for feedback from Governors, local governments and stakeholders on the draft unified regional boundary map and concept and the greater process of reorganizing the Department of the Interior. Over the past month, we received a lot of feedback from Governors and many state and local partners.

After receiving input from Governors, local government and stakeholders, DOI has revised the draft unified regional boundary map and it is attached for your review. As stated in previous communications, the original draft unified regional boundary map followed watersheds and

ecosystems as the concept was to organize boundaries with common features and issues. As you will see, the new iteration of this draft map reflects the input and concerns raised regarding splitting states into multiple regions. The new draft unified regional boundary map follows state lines, with few exceptions, but also follows the intent of these boundaries being organized along watersheds and ecosystems.

I have attached the latest draft unified regional boundary map, a map of the current DOI Bureau regional boundaries, a one page document outlining the need for unified boundaries, a two page outline of the goals or reorganization and next steps, and an updated FAQ. Hopefully these resources will answer some of the questions you may have regarding the unified regional boundary concept and the greater reorganization effort.

I cannot express this clearly enough. The U.S. Department of Interior values your input and feedback as we continue with this process. Please continue to send us ideas, thoughts, and concerns. Also, if you would like to set up a conference call or meeting to discuss in further detail, I am happy to help facilitate.

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Questions related to common regions

1. Why is Interior changing long standing regional boundaries?

A. We want to provide better management on a geographic basis to include critical components such as wildlife corridors, watersheds, and trail systems. The USGS has provided draft unified regional boundaries based on watersheds as a starting point. By having unified regional boundaries based on primarily on natural features like ecosystems and watersheds we can improve interagency coordination and citizen service, since all of our executives within a given region will have a shared frame of geographic reference.

Our objectives are to:

Reduce administrative redundancy and jurisdictional and organizational barriers to citizen service

Share resources more effectively

Devote a greater percentage of our budget to the field

Improve coordination among federal, state and local agencies

Facilitate joint problem-solving and effective decision-making

Make more decisions at the regional level, fewer in Washington DC

Increase responsibility, resources, personnel and authority in the field

2. Will all bureaus be affected by the new boundaries?

A. Generally, yes, but there are exceptions. Since Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement (BSEE) are focused on activity in the marine environment, they will be the least affected. The US Geological Survey has research laboratories located in particular parts of the country, but they provide nationwide services because of specialized expertise and technology. We will consult with Indian tribes about the extent to which the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education should be part of the unified regions.

3. When will the new boundaries take effect?

A. We expect the boundaries for the thirteen new unified regions will take effect in the second half of FY 2018.

4. Will there be a pilot of the new unified region concept? If so, where, when, and what will be its scope?

A. The current idea is to launch the concept in Alaska first, since it is a large geographic area, most bureaus are active there, all existing regional offices are already in the same city, and there is only one state government with which to interact.

5. When is the unified region concept going to begin?

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A. FY 2018, after we finish discussions with Congress, Governors, state and local elected leaders, tribes, and external stakeholders on the new regional boundaries.

6. When will the unified regions be fully implemented?

A. It will take several years, because there are a lot of details that will need to be worked out over time.

7. Will DOI break existing leases for office space?

A. Generally not, since we want to avoid any extra financial costs that may be associated with breaking existing leases.

8. When will the new regional hub cities be identified?

A. Perhaps as soon as the end of FY 2018, or more likely in FY 2019.

9. Has DOI spoken to General Services Administration (GSA) about what the new regional hub cities will be?

A. We have had a few very preliminary discussions, simply to get an idea about the range of available space costs and space availability in a few western cities. We don't plan any moves in FY 18.

10. Who will be in charge of each unified region?

A. There will be an Interior Regional Director who will have lead responsibility for each unified region.

11. What will be the scope of responsibilities for each Interior Regional Director?

A. The responsibilities will be to coordinate a specified set of mission and administrative functions that are common to more than one bureau within the region. While some functions such as NEPA compliance, permitting, and recreation management may be within the purview of all of the Interior Regional Directors nationwide, many responsibilities will likely vary from region to region, as a function of the work of the bureaus within a given region.

12. Will the Interior Regional Director control all decisions of all bureaus in the unified region?

A. No, only matters involving more than one bureau, as established on a region-by-region basis.

12A. Will the Interior Regional Director just be another layer of bureaucracy?

A. No, our intention is to short-circuit much of the traditional Washington DC-based bureaucracy, by giving the Interior Regional Director direct access to the Deputy Secretary. In addition, the Interior Regional Director will only be involved when a matter involves more than one bureau.

13. Will the unified regions lead to closing of any national parks, national wildlife refuges, national fish hatcheries, or BIA agency offices?

A. No. There will be little to no impact on these types of local offices that are tied to specific natural or cultural resources or Indian tribes.

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14. How will the new DOI unified regional boundaries affect other agencies like USFS, NMFS, EPA, and the Army Corps of Engineers?

A. We will invite other agencies to co-locate with us or designate liaison officers to each of our unified regions.

15. What will be the role of bureau directors and assistant secretaries after the reorganization?

A. Bureau directors and assistant secretaries will continue to have authority over national policy, budget, personnel, training, uniforms, workforce planning and related functions, as well as line authority over mission areas that are unique to particular bureaus.

16. How will the new regional boundaries affect relationships with States and Counties?

A. We expect these relationships will be improved since more decisions will be made at the regional level and not elevated to Washington DC for resolution.

17. How will the new regional boundaries affect relationships with Indian tribes?

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18. Will there be tribal consultations before the new boundaries are finalized?

A. Yes. We will develop a schedule for conducting formal tribal consultation during FY 2018.

19. Isn't it a problem if a single state is split into more than one unified region?

A. In most cases, a state is only within one of the unified regions. The exceptions are where there are overriding natural resource management benefits from having part of a state in a second region.

20. Will front line supervisors in bureau field offices report to a different boss as a result of the new regional boundaries?

A. No, however the Interior Regional Director for the unified region will be the ultimate regional decision maker for many bureau employees.

21. How will the new regional boundaries affect how employees do their jobs every day in the field?

A. The new boundaries should have very little impact on field operations, except that field level employees can expect more leadership support for taking steps to coordinate more closely with employees in their sister bureaus or other federal agencies that affect our mission in the field. There will also be less second-guessing of local decisions by officials in Washington DC.

22. If the Interior Regional Director is not from my bureau, how can he or she make responsible decisions affecting my program?

A. The Interior Regional Director will consider the advice of each bureau's chain of command within the unified region.

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23. Has the Department established standard operating procedures, MOAs, chains of command or organization charts on how the current structure will work within the new regional map?

A. We plan to work with current bureau regional directors and bureau leadership to determine the most effective and reasonable ways to operationalize the new approach. Any changes will need to be carefully identified and thoughtfully implemented. We expect that the arrangements may vary from region to region.

24. Would regional changes affect any statutory responsibilities?

A. We do not anticipate the need to change any bureau's statutory authorizations as a result of implementing unified regions.

25. Does the Department expect each bureau to be represented in each region? How will this work for bureaus that have limited or no responsibilities in a region (e.g. OSM in the insular region)?

A. We do not expect that every bureau will have a bureau regional director in each new region; we will let existing programmatic responsibilities be the determining factor in that regard.

26. What authority will the new Interior Regional Director in a unified region have with respect to the existing structure? Will the new Interior Regional Director be the responsible officer for construction projects, records, procurement, and other activities conducted by staff currently located in another regional office? How will this work? For example, if a current project or program is in the NPS Midwest Region, managed out of Omaha, and the project now is in the DOI Great Lakes-Ohio region, where would the management happen?

A. In general, activities or functions common to more than one bureau will be under the direction of the Interior Regional Director in that region. For major projects that are already underway it may be prudent to make exceptions on a case-by-case basis. As existing office space leases expire, staff associated with a regional office function will gradually migrate to the identified regional hub city in each newly designated region. That process may take years to play out, as some leases will not expire for another decade.

27. What if the project, agreement or plan was previously within one region, but is now split between two or more regions?

A. In these situations, the region that is designated the lead region will be the one whose staff and expertise is best positioned to bring the project, agreement, or plan to a successful completion.

28. How will the Department manage existing MOAs and MOUs with other agencies at existing regions?

A. Decisions to transfer the lead responsibility for a MOU or MOA with another agency will be made on a case-by-case basis. Considerations will include whether the agreement is geographic or programmatic in scope, and which of the new unified regions has the personnel or expertise in the best position to effectively implement the agreement.

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29. Considering most DOI bureaus have less than 13 regions, this would increase the number of managers. Would this require hiring more managers?

A. During the first year or so transition period it is more likely that a single executive might have responsibilities in more than one region. Over time, it is likely that the total number of bureau regional directors will increase so that all regions where a bureau has a significant presence have a senior manager located in that region. However, some of the new regional directors might be GS-15s or GS-14s as opposed to SESers, if their bureau's presence in the new region is relatively minor.

30. Do you expect an official in a current regional office to be responsible for more than one region? How would the chain of command work for this?

A. It is possible that during the transition period a single senior executive might have more than one supervisor. However, field offices of bureaus will only report to one individual.

31. Does this initiative require the reassignment of any personnel (e.g., will current Regional Director positions be changed)?

A. Generally no. We will want to make sure that there is eventually one Interior Regional Director in place in each region, and more broadly, that there is at least one SESer in each region. In one or two instances, that may involve the near-term change in duty station of someone now in the SES.

32. Who will serve as Interior Regional Directors for these new regions? Will this affect their position description? If there are multiple virtual bureau Regional Directors within a new Region, to whom will existing staff report?

A. Interior Regional Directors will most probably be career members of the SES. They will have position descriptions created that describe their responsibilities within the new region. Their particular responsibilities and therefore their position description may vary a bit from region to region as a function of the DOI work that is taking place within each region. Bureaus will continue to have bureau Regional Directors and their bureau field level chains of command will continue to report to them. The difference will be for mission areas or administrative functions that are common to more than one bureau within the same unified region, the people in the bureaus working in those mission areas or administrative functions will take direction from the Interior Regional Director. Supervisors in individual bureaus will continue to report to a Regional Director from that bureau. The Regional Directors will report to the Interior Regional Director for certain specified programmatic and administrative activity, and to their bureau director in headquarters on those matters not within the scope of responsibilities of the regional leader.

33. How will the bureau Regional Directors coordinate with counterparts in other bureaus in the same region?

A. Bureau Regional Directors will have their traditional authorities and upward reporting relationships for programs and functions not specified as being within the purview of the Interior Regional Director. For those programs and functions that they share with other bureaus within that region, they can and

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should coordinate with each other, but they will be ultimately responsible to the regional leader within that region.

34. How will the bureau Regional Directors coordinate with other bureau Regional Directors within their same bureau?

A. Bureaus will continue to have routine meeting of headquarters and regional leadership, and coordinate with each other routinely in order to accomplish their missions.

35. How will a bureau deal with stakeholders (including state and tribal governments) that were previously within one region, but now are split between two or more virtual regions?

A. Tribal governments will have one BIA Regional Director and one Interior Regional Director with whom they might interact, depending on the issue. In some cases, a state may find itself in more than one of the new regions. While at first blush that might seem problematic, decades of experience in the Bureau of Reclamation and Army Corps of Engineers indicates that the arrangement works.

36. The new regional boundaries map appears to split-up some Indian reservations. How does DOI plan on working with tribes that span two regions?

A. We believe we have made successfully adjusted the new regional boundaries so that Indian reservations, national parks, national wildlife refuges, federal reservoirs, or similar land management unit are in just one of the new regions. If we have somehow failed to accomplish that goal in a particular place, we would like to know about it so we can address the situation.

37. As this is a policy decision affecting tribes, will DOI consult with tribes on this under EO 13175?

A. Yes, DOI plans to consult with tribes before BIA and BIE are incorporated into the new regional management concept and the new regional boundaries. This may mean that BIA and BIE would be involved in the reorganization on a separate, more extended timeline, than the other bureaus.

38. As these regions were designed to address ecosystem-based management, how would this reorganization address tribal needs and help DOI fulfill trust responsibilities?

A. Indian reservations exist in unique geographic areas, and while the topography within large reservations may span more than one ecosystem, a management perspective that is based on natural features and regional control rather than administrative boundaries with primary reporting relationships to Washington DC should result in better decisions for everyone, Indian and non-Indian, living in a geographic area.

39. What administrative simplicity would be achieved by using state-line based boundaries? Do the administrative benefits of using state lines apply equally to all agencies?

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A. The basic idea behind the new regional boundaries was to try to draw them based on ecosystem and physiographic features. Watersheds are well-defined and well-recognized natural features that serve as a reasonable approximation for ecosystems, hence the new regional boundaries closely approximate watershed boundaries. However, Governors, state and local leaders, and external stakeholders are much more accustomed to dealing with state boundaries than watershed boundaries, so for convenience the new regional watershed-based boundaries are often adjusted to line up with the nearest state boundaries.

General Reorganization Questions

40. Will the broader DOI reorganization happen all at once?

A. No, it will be phased out over several years so there is ample time for planning, feedback from Governors, Congress, and other state and local partners, and thoughtful implementation.

41. Will employees be forced to change their official duty stations?

A. No. Our preference is to gradually phase in any necessary geographic reassignment of personnel to minimize disruption to the current workforce. People most likely to be affected will be those in agency headquarters offices in the Washington DC metropolitan area. People working in field offices are the least likely to be affected.

42. Will people lose their jobs due to the reorganization?

A. Our desire is for no one to lose their job as a result of the reorganization. Some fraction of the small number of people who are given new assignments in a different geographic area may choose to voluntarily leave Interior instead.

43. Will DOI run a Reduction In Force (RIF) to accomplish the reorganization?

A. We have absolutely no plans to run a RIF.

44. Will there be early outs and buyouts to facilitate the reorganization?

A. To the extent OMB and OPM authorize us to use early outs and buyouts we may consider doing so.

45. Will people be required to move to a different city or state as part of the reorganization?

A. Some people will eventually be asked to move.

46. Will bureau headquarters functions be moved as a result of the reorganization?

A. The FY19 President's budget proposes to move a small number of headquarters positions in BLM and FWS Westward to an as yet unidentified location in order to gradually establish western headquarters for those agencies. In addition, a few more headquarters positions in the Bureau of Reclamation, whose headquarters is largely already in the Denver metropolitan area, will be moved to that city.

47. Will everyone in the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) headquarters be required to move out West?

Frequently Asked Questions about the DOI Reorganization

Updated as of 2-20-2018

A. No, although over a period of years we expect to move the majority of FWS headquarters functions out West. In FY 2019, perhaps about 50 people in FWS headquarters would move West.

48. Will everyone in the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) headquarters be required to move out West?

A. No, although over a period of years we expect to move the majority of BLM headquarters functions out West. In FY 2019, perhaps about 50 people in BLM headquarters would move West.

49. How many people in BLM will stay in the Washington DC headquarters, and in what functional areas?

A. We plan on consulting with BLM about what makes sense, but generally speaking, people working in functions like budget, Congressional relations, and external relations will be among those not moving West.

50. How many people in FWS will stay in the Washington DC headquarters, and in what functional areas?

A. We plan on consulting with FWS about what makes sense, but generally speaking, people working in functions like budget, Congressional relations, and external relations will be among those not moving West.

51. How much money is going to be spent on the reorganization in FY 2018?

A. In FY 2018 we do not plan to spend significant amounts of money on the reorganization. Instead, we will start off by operating virtual common regions.

53. How much money is in the President's budget for Interior to be spent on the reorganization in FY 2019?

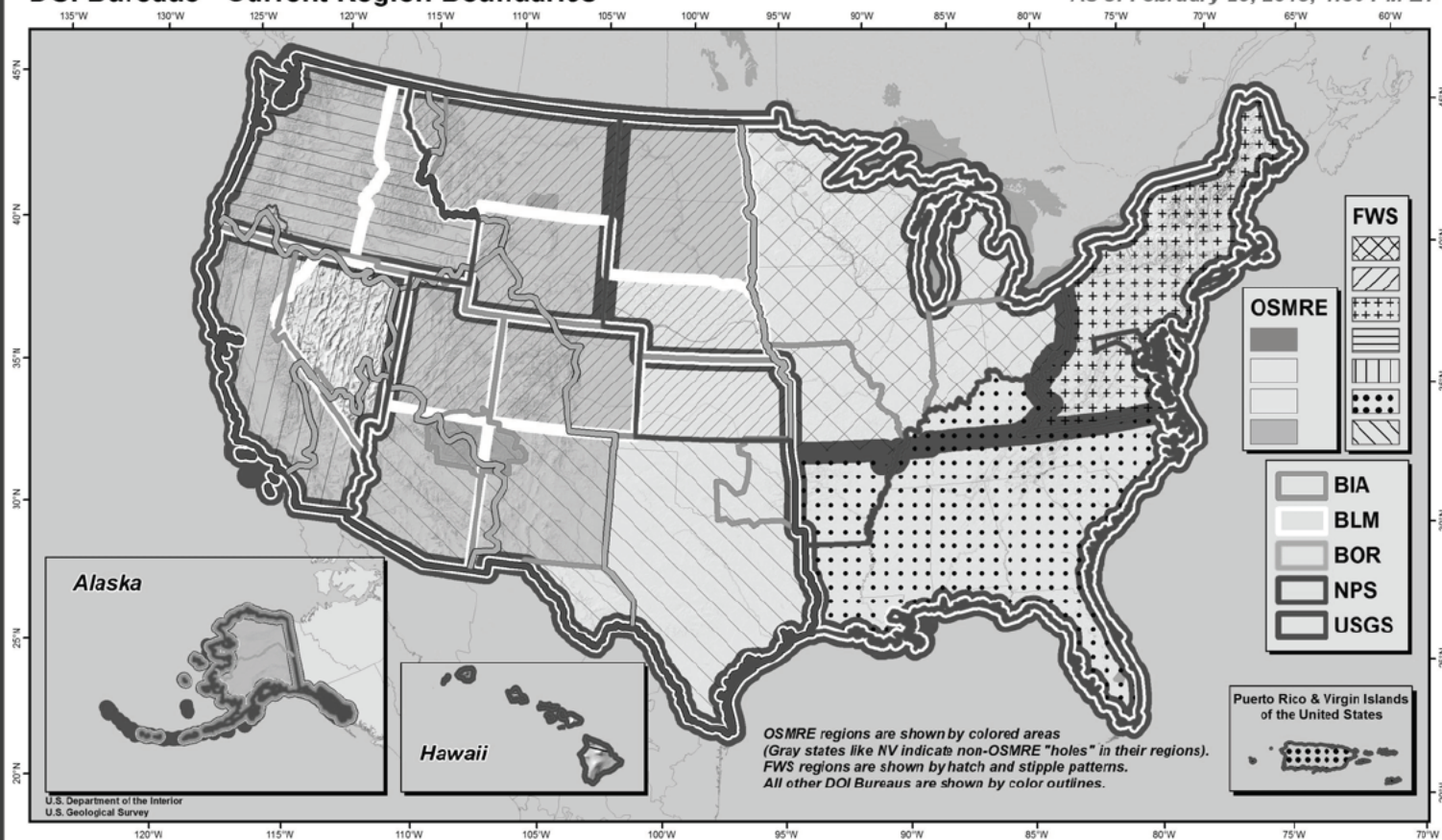
A. The President's Budget for FY 2019 includes \$17.5 million for the reorganization. Of this amount, \$5M is associated with moving part of the BLM headquarters West, another \$5M with moving part of the FWS headquarters West, \$2.5M with consolidated some staff from multiple bureaus in the same building in Anchorage, Alaska, \$3M with moving more of the Bureau of Reclamation headquarters to the Denver metropolitan area, and the remaining \$2M to potentially relocate a small number of people to unified regional offices.



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DOI Bureaus - Current Region Boundaries

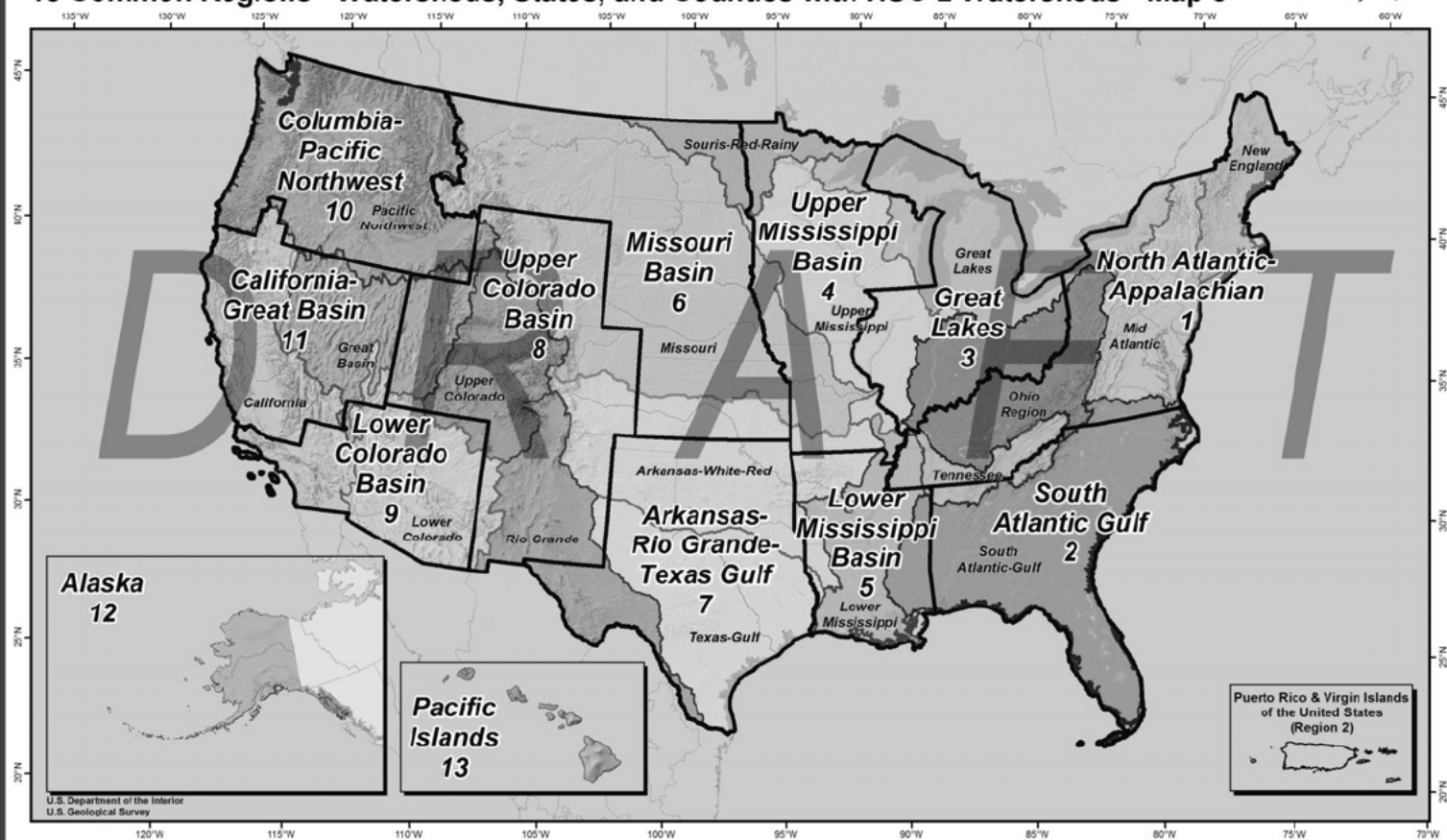
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13 Common Regions - Watersheds, States, and Counties with HUC-2 Watersheds - Map 5 As of February 15, 2018



DOI: Planning for the Next 100 Years

Objectives:

Address President's Executive Order 13781 on Reorganization

- Reduce administrative redundancy and jurisdictional and organizational barriers to citizen service
- Share resources more effectively
- Devote a greater percentage of our budget to the field
- Improve coordination among federal, state and local agencies
- Facilitate joint problem-solving and effective decision-making
- Make more decisions at the region, fewer in Washington DC
- Better stewardship
- Increasing responsibility, resources, personnel and authority in the field

Current DOI Operations:

DOI touches more people, in more ways, than any other organization in the Executive Branch

- 2,400 operating locations
- 70,000 employees
 - 16% of DOI employees are retirement eligible today
 - 40% of DOI employees are retirement eligible in 5 years
- 610,000 volunteers

Organizational Challenges:

- Coordination challenges across agency jurisdictions
- Coordination challenges across departments
 - FWS Trout
 - NMFS Salmon
- Overlapping organizational structures
- Unnecessary bureaucracy in DC and Denver
- Heavy visitor use
 - 500 Million DOI Visitors
 - 320 Million NPS site visitors

Common Regions:

Why?

- Focuses regional managers on a shared geography
- Improves coordination and communication
- Increases efficiency
- Lowers costs
- Leverages available expertise across bureaus

- Promotes teamwork
- Facilitates local multi-agency partnerships
- Better stewardship
- Increases authority, resources, and staff to the field
- Focuses on local and regional issues and infrastructure improvements

What this would accomplish:

- Improve federal land and water management
- Common regions to facilitate mission delivery
- One-stop services for public
- Enhanced partnerships among federal, state, tribal and local agencies
- Reduce conflict across jurisdictional boundaries
- Demonstrate the courage of Roosevelt to organize for a better public lands future

Next Steps:

- We are consulting with Congress, tribes, and state and local partners and other stakeholders on launching the unified regions in FY18
- Continuing to consult with employees
- Seeking employee help to capture the benefits of this approach and avoid pitfalls

Department of the Interior | Proposed Draft Unified Regional Boundaries

Background:

- The Trump Administration is exploring organizational efficiency and effectiveness through Executive Order 13781, which required the submission of reorganization plans to the President.
- DOI submitted reorganization proposals to the Office of Management and Budget in September of 2017.
- An element of the reorganizational proposal contemplates establishing 13 unified regional office boundaries across all DOI bureaus.
- DOI currently has 10 bureaus and 40 distinct regions, each operating with unique regional boundaries.
- This disparate geographic focus inhibits the sharing of resources and discourages a shared frame of geographic reference, resulting in operational and administrative inefficiencies.

Complexity of Managing Public Lands:

The complexity of administering DOI programs has expanded dramatically over time as Congress broadened DOI's statutory duties. As its mission and bureaus grew, so have competing interests and priorities between bureaus and offices. To fulfill DOI's diverse purpose, the Department manages:

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| • 530 Million Acres – Surface | • 2,400 operating locations |
| • 700 Million Acres – Subsurface minerals | • 70,000 employees |
| • 1.7 Billion Acres – Outer Continental Shelf | • 610,000 volunteers |
| • 25 million Acre-Feet of water supply | |

Unified Region Objectives:

- Reduce administrative redundancy;
- Clarify jurisdictional and organizational barriers to citizen service;
- Facilitate resource sharing, facilitate joint problem solving, and efficient decision-making;
- Devote a greater percentage of our budget to the field;
- Improve coordination among federal, state and local agencies;
- Delegate decision making authority to the regions.

Science-Based Rational for New Unified Regions:

- The proposed common region boundaries are primarily based on a science-based approach to promote management efficiencies, and are divided by county lines.
- A science-based approach to the boundaries will enable better management of watersheds, wildlife corridors, and trail systems. Indian reservations, national parks, and other significant DOI land management units that cross watersheds and county lines were kept wholly in same region to promote efficiency.
- We are consulting with DOI's career senior executive staff, Congress, and external stakeholders on the most useful way to draw the final science-based boundaries for the common regions.

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Esteemed Colleagues,

American hunters and anglers lead the way on contributing to programs that increase access to hunting, fishing, boating access, managing wildlife, and land management for the general public to enjoy... Some of the greatest conservationist and stewards of our public/state/private lands are American hunters & anglers!

Background on Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funding:

The Pittman–Robertson Act took over a pre-existing 11% excise tax on firearms and ammunition. Instead of going into the U.S. Treasury as it had done in the past, the money is kept separate and is given to the Secretary of the Interior to distribute to the States. The Secretary determines how much to give to each state based on a formula that takes into account both the area of the state and its number of licensed hunters.

States must fulfill certain requirements to use the money apportioned to them. None of the money from their hunting license sales may be used by anyone other than the states' fish and game departments. Plans for what to do with the money must be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Acceptable options include research, surveys, management of wildlife and/or habitat, and acquisition or

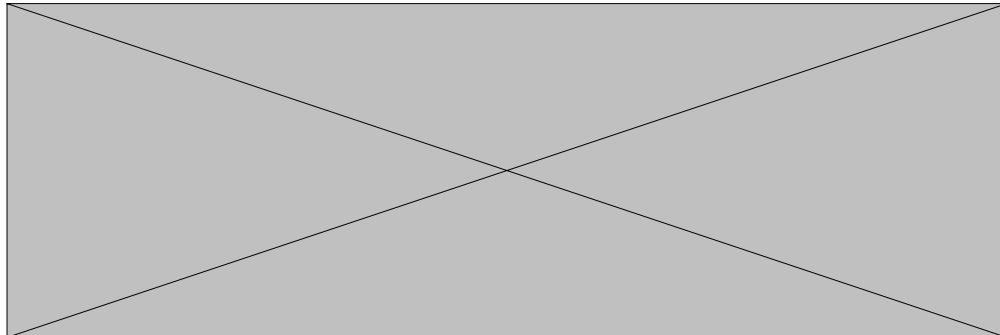
lease of land. Once a plan has been approved, the state must pay the full cost and is later reimbursed for up to 75% of that cost through P–R funds. The 25% of the cost that the state must pay generally comes from its hunting license sales. If, for whatever reason, any of the federal money does not get spent, after two years that money is then re-allocated to the Migratory Bird Conservation Act.

In the 1970s, amendments created a 10% tax on handguns and their ammunition and accessories as well as an 11% tax on archery equipment. It was also mandated for half of the money from each of the new taxes to be used to educate and train hunters by the creation and maintenance of hunter safety classes and shooting/target ranges.

For more information about these programs, feel free to contact me.

Best Wishes,

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Secretary Zinke Announces More Than \$1.1 Billion for Sportsmen & Conservation

This year marks \$20 billion in hunter and angler conservation funding

HORICON, Wisc. Today U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke traveled to Horicon, Wisconsin, where he announced more than \$1.1 billion in annual national funding for state wildlife agencies from revenues generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (PRDJ) acts. The Secretary presented a ceremonial check to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for \$34,966,603 while visiting the

Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area. State-by-state listings of the final Fiscal Year 2018 apportionments of [Wildlife Restoration Program fund can be found here](#) and the [Sport Fish Restoration Program fund here](#). Allocations of the funds are authorized by Congress. To date, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has distributed more than \$20.2 billion in apportionments for state conservation and recreation projects.

“American sportsmen and women are some of our best conservationists and they contribute billions of dollars toward wildlife conservation and sportsmen access every year through the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts,” **said Secretary Zinke**. “For nearly eighty years, states have been able to fund important conservation initiatives thanks to the more than \$20 billion that has generated nationwide. Every time a firearm, fishing pole, hook, bullet, motor boat or boat fuel is sold, part of that cost goes to fund conservation. The best way to increase funding for conservation and sportsmen access is to increase the number of hunters and anglers in our woods and waters. The American conservation model has been replicated all over the world because it works.”

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources manages over 11,000 acres of the Horicon Marsh and almost every habitat project they complete includes PRDJ dollars, including prescribed burning, invasive species treatments, wetland berm maintenance, prairie seeding and restoration, timber stand improvement.

The funds, which are distributed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, support critical state conservation and outdoor recreation projects. They are derived from excise taxes paid by the hunting, shooting, boating and angling industries on firearms, bows and ammunition and sport fishing tackle, some boat engines, and small engine fuel.

Wisconsin boaters generate \$1.18 billion of economic impact annually while hunting contributes to \$2.5 billion in yearly economic impact. Angling creates over 21,000 jobs while impacting the economy to the tune of \$2.3 billion each year.

“These funds are integral to our ability to provide hunting and fishing access, restore habitat and manage species at the state level,” **said Daniel L. Meyer, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources**. “We greatly value the partnership we have with the Service and the Department of Interior.”

STATE	TOTAL - SPORT FISH RESTORATION (FY18)	TOTAL - ALL WILDLIFE FUNDS (FY18)	TOTAL FUND
ALABAMA	\$6,151,179	\$19,360,421	\$25,511,600
ALASKA	\$17,595,874	\$33,455,771	\$51,051,645
AMERICAN SAMOA	\$1,173,058	\$1,328,563	\$2,501,621
ARIZONA	\$7,154,503	\$22,080,003	\$29,234,506
ARKANSAS	\$5,348,981	\$13,221,723	\$18,570,704
CALIFORNIA	\$16,513,733	\$26,037,993	\$42,551,726
COLORADO	\$9,143,673	\$19,872,123	\$29,015,796

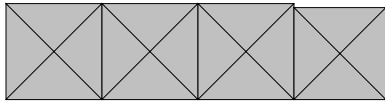
CONNECTICUT	\$3,519,175	\$5,901,190	\$9,420
DELAWARE	\$3,519,175	\$4,785,824	\$8,304
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	\$1,173,058	\$0	\$1,173
FLORIDA	\$12,236,611	\$14,351,398	\$26,58
GEORGIA	\$8,041,424	\$23,213,465	\$31,25
GUAM	\$1,173,058	\$1,328,563	\$2,501
HAWAII	\$3,519,175	\$4,785,824	\$8,304
IDAHO	\$6,430,284	\$15,474,320	\$21,90
ILLINOIS	\$6,593,209	\$16,335,080	\$22,92
INDIANA	\$4,577,731	\$13,573,699	\$18,15
IOWA	\$4,513,130	\$11,515,178	\$16,02
KANSAS	\$4,981,927	\$14,646,057	\$19,62
KENTUCKY	\$5,198,763	\$14,127,290	\$19,32
LOUISIANA	\$6,908,171	\$15,884,383	\$22,79
MAINE	\$3,519,175	\$8,055,283	\$11,57
MARYLAND	\$3,519,175	\$7,754,551	\$11,27
MASSACHUSETTS	\$3,519,175	\$7,986,372	\$11,50
MICHIGAN	\$10,692,452	\$24,296,525	\$34,98
MINNESOTA	\$12,500,370	\$23,400,370	\$35,90
MISSISSIPPI	\$4,009,209	\$12,144,757	\$16,15
MISSOURI	\$7,677,750	\$21,117,103	\$28,79
MONTANA	\$8,648,987	\$21,131,270	\$29,78
N. MARIANA ISLANDS	\$1,173,058	\$1,328,563	\$2,501
NEBRASKA	\$4,483,366	\$12,833,330	\$17,31
NEVADA	\$4,974,601	\$13,948,153	\$18,92
NEW HAMPSHIRE	\$3,519,175	\$4,785,824	\$8,304
NEW JERSEY	\$3,519,175	\$7,986,372	\$11,50
NEW MEXICO	\$6,244,495	\$15,787,434	\$22,03
NEW YORK	\$7,820,180	\$20,862,345	\$28,68
NORTH CAROLINA	\$10,344,499	\$21,338,737	\$31,68
NORTH DAKOTA	\$4,130,618	\$11,377,784	\$15,50
OHIO	\$6,898,966	\$16,457,632	\$23,35
OKLAHOMA	\$7,695,368	\$19,907,732	\$27,60
OREGON	\$7,820,246	\$17,690,588	\$25,51
PENNSYLVANIA	\$8,571,622	\$28,157,633	\$36,72
PUERTO RICO	\$3,519,175	\$3,452,263	\$6,971
RHODE ISLAND	\$3,519,175	\$4,785,824	\$8,304
SOUTH CAROLINA	\$4,899,188	\$10,678,793	\$15,57
SOUTH DAKOTA	\$4,490,053	\$13,775,104	\$18,26
TENNESSEE	\$7,457,271	\$22,544,767	\$30,00

TEXAS	\$17,595,874	\$36,656,319	\$54,25
UTAH	\$6,405,939	\$14,616,342	\$21,02
VERMONT	\$3,519,175	\$4,785,824	\$8,304
VIRGIN ISLANDS	\$1,173,058	\$1,328,563	\$2,501
VIRGINIA	\$5,204,846	\$14,176,335	\$19,38
WASHINGTON	\$7,112,530	\$15,120,458	\$22,23
WEST VIRGINIA	\$3,519,175	\$8,209,596	\$11,72
WISCONSIN	\$11,424,513	\$23,542,090	\$34,96
WYOMING	\$5,329,957	\$13,861,148	\$19,19
TOTAL	\$351,917,483	\$797,160,652	\$1,149

The recipient state wildlife agencies have matched these funds with approximately \$6.7 billion throughout the years, primarily through hunting and fishing license revenues.

For more information about the WSFR program visit <http://wsfrprograms.fws.gov/>.

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From: Williams, Timothy
Sent: 2018-04-12T12:53:28-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: NPS Briefing call
Received: 2018-04-12T13:02:30-04:00

Look forward to chatting with you at **2:00 pm ET** regarding an announcement on National Parks.

Here is the call in information. **We will start promptly at 2:00pm ET:**

Conference Call Phone Number #:

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To: Jason Funes[jason_funes@ios.doi.gov]
From: Matthew Anderson
Sent: 2018-04-18T15:54:42-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] BLM Move to Utah
Received: 2018-04-18T16:51:24-04:00

Jason,

Here is the resolution I mentioned that Utah's state legislature passed a few months ago asking the BLM to move to Utah. Can you pass this along to the appropriate people in DOI?

<https://le.utah.gov/~2018/bills/static/HJR002.html>

Thanks,

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To: Matthew Anderson[matt@sifreedom.org]
From: Funes, Jason
Sent: 2018-04-18T19:53:38-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] BLM Move to Utah
Received: 2018-04-18T20:21:57-04:00

I really appreciate you sending this to me! I will be sharing this with internal staff and let's keep in touch!!

Jason Funes
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On Wed, Apr 18, 2018 at 3:54 PM, Matthew Anderson <matt@sifreedom.org> wrote:

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To: Jason Funes[jason_funes@ios.doi.gov]
From: Matthew Anderson
Sent: 2018-04-27T20:03:17-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The Article
Received: 2018-04-27T20:03:30-04:00

Jason,

Here is the article I was talking about. I can't believe that the environmental left has resorted to "you are wearing a hat backwards and that makes you bad guy" type of arguments. So childish.

https://www.outsideonline.com/2301681/hey-ryan-zinke-youve-got-your-ranger-hat-backwards?utm_content=buffer0c515&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=the_weet

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To: Jason Funes[jason_funes@ios.doi.gov]
From: Matthew Anderson
Sent: 2018-04-30T18:04:28-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] National Monument Data
Received: 2018-04-30T18:05:08-04:00

Hey Jason,

I'm looking for a list that has all the national monuments, with their acreage, designated by presidents under the Antiquities Act. I have used the source below in the past, but it only goes to the year 2016 and is kind of confusing to use. I am planning to do a project that shows why some Western states deserve the same exemption from the Antiquities Act that Wyoming has. I am basing this on the fact that states, like Utah, have far more acreage that has been designated as national monuments than the state of Wyoming. Could you get me in touch with a trusted source in DOI that might have that data?

<https://www.nps.gov/archeology/sites/antiquities/monumentslist.htm>

Thanks,

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To: Jason Funes[jason_funes@ios.doi.gov]
From: Matthew Anderson
Sent: 2018-05-02T16:25:20-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Move the BLM to Utah Op-ed
Received: 2018-05-02T19:13:54-04:00

<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/385880-Move-the-BLM-to-Utah-where-it-manages-43-percent-of-the-state?rnd=1525287807>

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From: Matthew Anderson
Sent: 2018-05-02T17:21:24-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] National Monument Data
Received: 2018-05-02T17:45:52-04:00

Jason,

I am looking for all the presidential national monument designations and reductions that have occurred since the Antiquities Act was put in place including the acreage that was affected. I am hoping that someone has this in an excel spreadsheet form. I have been using the link below to make my own. However, there are a number of entries for enlargements that has the acres affected listed as "unspecified" or "not calculated." I am hoping that someone has these numbers listed in another document or spreadsheet. Let me know if you have any questions or need clarification.

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From: jason_funes@ios.doi.gov
Importance: Normal
Subject: Invitation: Caballos Calls @ Fri May 11, 2018 11am - 11:30am (EDT) (matt@sifreedom.org)
Start Date/Time: 2018-05-11T11:00:00-04:00
End Date/Time: 2018-05-11T11:30:00-04:00
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Caballos Calls

When Fri May 11, 2018 11am 11:30am Eastern Time

Video call (b)(5),(b)(6)

Calendar matt@sifreedom.org

Who

- jason_funes@ios.doi.gov - organizer
- casey_hammond@ios.doi.gov
- matt@sifreedom.org

Going? [Yes](#) [Maybe](#) [No](#) [more options »](#)

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From: Matthew Anderson

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Accepted: Invitation: Caballos Calls @ Fri May 11, 2018 11am - 11:30am (EDT)
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To: Wynn, Todd[todd_wynn@ios.doi.gov]
Cc: Rick Larsen[rick@sifreedom.org]
From: Funes, Jason
Sent: 2018-05-29T09:05:09-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Great to meet you
Received: 2018-05-29T09:05:42-04:00

Greetings Rick,
It's been an absolute pleasure working with Matt and your fine organization regarding matters that effect Utah and all western states.

Please let us know how we can help you and your organization in the future. Also a long overdue congratulations on your new role as President!

Best Wishes,

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To: Funes, Jason[jason_funes@ios.doi.gov]; Wynn, Todd[todd_wynn@ios.doi.gov]
From: Rick Larsen
Sent: 2018-05-29T09:44:46-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Great to meet you
Received: 2018-05-29T09:44:57-04:00

Thank you for the kind email Jason. Please let us know how we may be of service in the future.
Rick

From: "Funes, Jason" <jason_funes@ios.doi.gov>
Date: Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 7:05 AM
To: "Wynn, Todd" <todd_wynn@ios.doi.gov>
Cc: "Rick B. Larsen" <rick@sifreedom.org>
Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Great to meet you

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To: Funes, Jason[jason_funes@ios.doi.gov]
From: Rick Larsen
Sent: 2018-06-04T16:53:27-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Automatic reply: Secretary Zinke Announces \$1.1 Million Reclamation Contract to Navajo Nation Tribal Government for Assisting San Juan River Basin Recovery
Received: 2018-06-04T16:54:31-04:00

I will be out of the office this week attending a conference. I will respond to your message as soon as possible.

To: Blake Deeley[blake_deeley@ios.doi.gov]; Matthew Anderson[Matt@sifreedom.org]
From: Funes, Jason
Sent: 2018-06-12T10:40:34-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Email Introduction
Received: 2018-06-12T10:41:20-04:00

Greetings Matt,

I wanted to connect you with one of our King Solomon's of all things Capitol Hill & energy related, Blake Deeley.

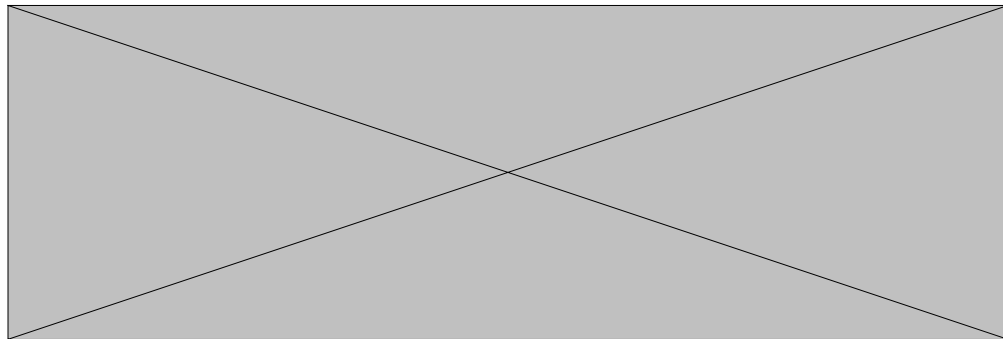
Please feel free to exchange contact info so that you may be in touch today.

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To: Matthew Anderson[Matt@sifreedom.org]
From: Funes, Jason
Sent: 2018-06-20T17:53:20-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: Fwd: Quarter 1 in Review: Interior Releases Comprehensive List of First Quarter 2018 Accomplishments Under President Trump & Secretary Zinke
Received: 2018-06-20T17:53:53-04:00

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Date: April 16, 2018
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Quarter 1 in Review: Interior Releases Comprehensive List of First Quarter 2018 Accomplishments Under President Trump & Secretary Zinke

WASHINGTON Today, the U.S. Department of the Interior released a comprehensive list of 2018 first quarter accomplishments that the Department has achieved under the leadership of President Donald J. Trump and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke.

“Under the Trump Administration, Interior has made incredible strides in creating a conservation stewardship legacy, modernizing our infrastructure, helping combat opioid addiction, securing the southern border, and so much more,” **said Secretary Zinke.** “The Department is doing a tremendous job of breaking down regulatory barriers and cutting red tape to create economic prosperity that will benefit our nation. I signed an historic initiative to protect the migration corridors of North American big game species, we got to work opening the 1002 section in Alaska for responsible energy development, we partnered with BIA and other groups to form opioid task forces to crack down on drug abuse in Indian Country, and we introduced a

bipartisan solution to fix the aging infrastructure in National Parks. The President and I look forward to keeping the pace and moving the country forward with America First policies.”

“Under Secretary Zinke’s leadership, we continue to make significant progress on a wide array of priorities for western states and insular areas,” **said Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.** “From opening the 1002 Area, to responsible energy development, to a long-overdue agreement for a life-saving road for the people of King Cove, to the nomination of good Alaskans to serve in high-ranking key positions, the Department of the Interior is once again a true partner for us, and our future is much brighter for it.”

“I have known Secretary Zinke since we attended Boys State together in 1979,” **said Montana Senator Steve Daines.** “Being from Montana, Ryan’s Western values have guided his leadership at the Department of the Interior and brought responsible federal land stewardship and strengthened the government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes. He has done a great job.”

“Idahoans continue to tell me they are pleased with Secretary Zinke’s work at Interior,” **said Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson.** “I am particularly pleased with his dedication to fixing our National Parks and his commitment to keeping public lands accessible. I look forward to working with him on these and many other issues.”

“DOI’s innovative policies on ESA, Outcome-based grazing, wildfire fuels reduction and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act are providing ranchers with operational certainty that is critical to ensuring a future for rural communities throughout the West,” **said Ethan L. Lane, Executive Director Public Lands Council & NCBA Federal Lands.**

“The Trump Administration took a big step in opening energy access with its draft OCS oil and gas leasing program, initiating a welcome departure from the Obama Administration’s 2017–2022 plan. The United States is the only country in the world that has placed a majority of its territorial waters off-limits to natural resources extraction,” **said Nick Loris Herbert, Fellow in Energy and Environmental Policy at The Heritage Foundation.** “Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke’s draft plan would change that. As the U.S. improves access to its energy resources, the economy will grow, and federal and state governments would benefit immensely from the increased revenues from royalties, rents, bonus bids, and overall economic activity.”

“Prioritizing the deferred maintenance backlog of our National Parks, engaging with private landowners on creating big-game migration corridors, putting more authority in the hands of regional and local managers, and reconsidering approaches for recovering threatened species such as the Louisiana pinesnake are all positive moves for conservation,” **said Brian Yablonski, Executive Director of Property and Environment Research Center.** “These efforts by the Department look for creative conservation solutions to environmental problems and promote stewardship of our many natural resources.”

“Under Secretary Ryan Zinke’s leadership, the Department of the Interior is leading the way in making America more competitive in the global energy marketplace,” **said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform.** “If the efforts to finally tap into our abundant natural

resources succeed, taxpayers will reap the benefits for decades to come. Secretary Zinke's work at DOI will lead to more high-paying jobs and significant economic growth."

"Secretary Ryan Zinke is building off of a 2017 that saw the Department of the Interior as a frontrunner in terms of executing President Trump's historic regulatory reform agenda," **said Patrick Hedger, Director of Policy FreedomWorks.** "Under Zinke's watch, DOI rolled back the excesses of the previous administration shrinking unnecessarily enormous national monuments that infuriated state governments and rescinding onerous restrictions on domestic energy production that duplicated existing state standards. There is clearly a strong pattern of cooperative federalism in Zinke's work. These trends look to continue into 2018, with plans underway to collaborate with states to liberate America's offshore oil, gas, and renewable energy resources and reorganize the Department to better serve, not subjugate, the states and the American people. FreedomWorks looks forward to continued support of these efforts and more."

Below is a summary of accomplishments during the first quarter of the year according to Secretary Zinke's Top Ten Priorities at the Department:

Create a conservation stewardship legacy, second only to Teddy Roosevelt

- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Secretary Zinke signed Secretarial Order 3362, prioritizing conservation and big-game migration corridors.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Issued a final delisting of the Eureka Valley evening primrose.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Downlisted the Eureka dune grass from endangered to threatened.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Announced more than \$1.1 billion in grants to state wildlife agencies from revenues generated by the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration and Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration (PDRJ) Acts.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Held the first meeting of the Secretary's International Wildlife Conservation Commission (IWCC).
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Held a meeting of the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council Meeting with new guidance under Secretary Zinke's priorities.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Acquired 648 acres of land in the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument to facilitate traditional and recreation access.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Completed the latest in a series of improvements at off-highway vehicle recreation areas in northeast California and far northwest Nevada.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Decided to expand Phil's World, a nationally recognized mountain bike trail system six miles east of Cortez, Colorado.
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Created a Hunting and Shooting Sports Conservation Council.
- **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:** Secretary Zinke announced the Trump administration's support for grizzly bear restoration efforts in the North Cascades Ecosystem.

Responsibly develop our energy & natural resources

- **BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT:** Announced a slate of major wind initiatives.
 - Proposed a sale for 390,000 acres of wind energy development off of the Massachusetts coast.
 - Sought information and industry interest in offshore wind development within the New York Bight Region.
 - Put out a Request for Feedback on future offshore wind energy leasing in the Atlantic.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Canceled a withdrawal application and the Department's proposed withdrawal of 1.3 million acres of federal lands from location and entry under the mining laws in the California Desert Conservation Area.
- **BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT:** Announced a Draft Proposed Five-Year Program for oil and gas leasing on the National Outer Continental Shelf.
- **INSULAR AFFAIRS:** Requested proposals for FY2018 Energizing Insular Communities Program funding (due May 31) to produce American energy in the territories.

Restore trust & be a good neighbor

- **INSULAR AFFAIRS:** Assistant Secretary Doug Domenech traveled to the Virgin Islands to provide \$2.8 million in grants for rebuilding infrastructure and utilities after the hurricanes.
- **INSULAR AFFAIRS:** Supported President Trump's signing of the Palau Compact in the 2018 Omnibus Funding Agreement, including \$123 million of funding through 2024.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Worked out a state-federal partnership to link the conservation of the endangered red-cockaded woodpecker with the U.S. Marine Corps mission at Lejeune.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Proposed Rule 4d protections for the Louisiana pinesnake, protecting the species while being a good neighbor.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Announced a \$60 million cooperative agreement with the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) to help retain and recruit recreational anglers and boaters.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Announced \$14 million in Boating Infrastructure Grants.
- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Launched the Nature's Good Neighbors campaign to highlight public partners who are acting as conservationists across the country.
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Announced \$18 million in "Anvil Points" energy payment funds to the state of Colorado after nearly a decade of the funds being withheld by the federal government.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Released a decision to allow the Riley Ridge Development Project to begin in Wyoming.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Issued decision on Environmental Assessment for Phase III McGinness Hills Geothermal Project in Lander County, Nevada.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Distributed almost \$300,000 in timber payments to two counties in western Oregon.

- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Announced outcome-based grazing projects for 2018, to give greater flexibility in the management of permitted livestock.
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Signed an agreement with the Alaska Native King Cove Native Corp. to build a life-saving road between the Native village and a nearby all-weather airport in Cold Bay.

Ensure Tribal and Insular sovereignty means something

- **INSULAR AFFAIRS:** Held meetings between the United States and the Republic of the Marshall Islands to discuss policy and funding issues.
- **INDIAN AFFAIRS:** Secretary Zinke authorized the first funds transfer for the Blackfeet Water Settlement.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Approved a proposed land exchange between the Bureau and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.
- **INDIAN AFFAIRS:** Approved the Shawnee Tribe's Fee-to-Trust application for a gaming facility.
- **INDIAN AFFAIRS:** Signed an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation to implement the Land Buy-Back Program for Tribal Nations.
- **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:** Resolved longstanding rights-of-way issues, approving rights-of-way to the Pueblos of Nambe, Pojoaque, San Ildefonso and Tesuque.

Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests

- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Held numerous Spring 2018 oil and gas lease sales across the country, including: Eastern States, Wyoming, Montana, Nevada, Utah, Colorado.
- **OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING RECLAMATION AND ENFORCEMENT:** Provided more than \$300 million in Abandoned Mine Lands grants to states and tribes.
- **BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT:** Held a region-wide oil and gas lease sale in the Gulf of Mexico, yielding \$124.7 million in high bids on 815,403 acres.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Generated nearly \$360 million from oil and gas lease sales in 2017, an 86-percent increase from the previous year and the highest in nearly a decade.

Protect our people and the border

- **INDIAN AFFAIRS:** Formed an opioid task force, bringing together Bureau of Indian Affairs drug agents and other partners, to work with tribes and address the opioid crisis in Indian Country.
- **INDIAN AFFAIRS:** Conducted a successful drug interdiction operation in New Mexico, netting millions of dollars in illegal drugs confiscated.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Began targeted, experimental grazing

efforts to prevent wildfires.

- **U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY:** Published a list of minerals critical to U.S. economic and national security, starting implementation of President Trump's Executive Order 13817 on Critical Minerals.
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Published the 2017 Drone Mission Report, which noted that drone flights to support natural resource management across Interior (including support to firefighters suppressing wildfires) increased 82-percent from 2016 to 2017.
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Released a report highlighting progress made in the fight against invasive zebra and quagga mussels.

Strike a regulatory balance

- **FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE:** Revised the previous administration's M-Opinion on the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and modified policies to ensure consistency with the new Opinion.
- **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT:** Rescinded the 2015 Hydraulic Fracturing Rule.
- **BUREAU OF SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT:** Announced a series of new initiatives to strengthen the federal offshore oil and gas inspection program.

Modernize our infrastructure

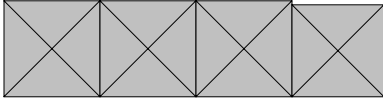
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Supported the inclusion of a Public Lands Infrastructure Fund in the President's FY19 budget request – the Fund would help pay for repairs and improvements in national parks, national wildlife refuges, and Bureau of Indian Education schools.
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Began implementation of President Trump's executive order and presidential memorandum on rural broadband availability.
- **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE:** Secretary Zinke partnered with Congress on a bipartisan bill to address the maintenance backlog in our National Park System.
- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Selected members of Secretary Zinke's newly created "Made in America" Outdoor Recreation Advisory Committee.
- **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:** \$50,000 awarded for five arsenic sensor solutions selected through a prize competition.
- **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION:** Launched prize competition looking for new ways to detect leaks and flaws in large buried pipelines.

Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years

- **INSULAR AFFAIRS:** Secretary Zinke announced an expanded role for the Assistant Secretary for Insular Affairs, expanding the role to include ocean activities and international affairs.

- **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** Moved forward on major initiative to reorganize the Department.

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[2017 department of the interior accomplishments.pdf](#)

Hey Matt,
Attached is that PDF with a list of 2017 accomplishments with a few things listed specific to Utah like this one:

<https://www.doi.gov/pressreleases/secretary-zinke-issues-lease-56-million-tons-coal-central-utah>

Hope this list helps!

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2017 DOI Accomplishments

Secretary Zinke's Top Ten Priorities –

- **Create a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt**
- **Sustainably develop our energy & natural resources**
- **Restore trust and be a good neighbor**
- **Ensuring sovereignty means something.**
- **Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests**
- **Protect our people and the border.**
- **Strike a regulatory balance.**
- **Modernize our infrastructure.**
- **Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years.**
- **Achieve our goals and lead our team forward.**

1. Create a conservation stewardship legacy, second only to Teddy Roosevelt

○ Secretary Zinke Signs Order to Review Obama-Era Sage-Grouse Plans, Improves Conservation and Strengthens Communication Between States and Federal Government (BLM)

○ Secretary Zinke Signs Order to Expand Access for Sportsmen on Public and Private Lands-Prioritize Hunter Engagement, Improve Federal-State Conservation Efforts (USFWS)

○ Yellowstone Grizzly Bear's Strong Recovery Leads to Delisting (USFWS)

- Department of the Interior Hosts the First Sportsman's Access Summit (USFWS, BLM & NPS)
- Interior Overturns Ban on Affordable Lead Ammo and Fishing Tackle (USFWS)
- Secretary Zinke Announces \$1.1 Billion in Funding to State Wildlife Agencies (USFWS)
- Secretary Zinke Establishes "Made in America" Recreation Advisory Committee to Leverage Public Private Partnerships and Investment on Public Lands (NPS, USFWS & BLM)
- Secretary Zinke Announces 10 Wildlife Refuges Will Open or Expand Public Access for Hunting and Fishing (USFWS)
- Interior Strengthens Commitment to Hunting and Fishing by Declaring October as National Hunting and Fishing Month (USFWS)
- Secretary Zinke Hosts First-Ever Veterans Roundtable to Expand Access to Public Lands for Service Members (BLM, NPS & USFWS)
- 16,000 Acres in the Sabinoso Wilderness Opened Up to the Public for the First Time Ever. (BLM)
- Secretary Announces the Creation of the International Wildlife Conservation Council (USFWS)

2. Sustainably develop our energy & natural resources

- Secretary Zinke Calls for Enhanced Exploration of Energy Opportunities with the Development of the Outer Continental Shelf (BSEE & BOEM)

- Interior Held Second Largest Offshore Wind Sale Near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina (BOEM)

- Secretary Zinke Signs Order to Jumpstart Alaskan Energy Production NPR-A, 1002 and Offshore (BLM, BOEM, & USGS)

- Secretary Zinke Signs Comprehensive Energy Order to End the Obama Ban on Coal Mining on Federal Lands and Review Costly Mitigation Policies (DOI)

- Secretary Zinke Announces Largest Oil and Gas Lease Sale Ever in United States (BOEM & BSEE)

- Secretary Zinke Issues Lease for 56 Million Tons of Coal in Central Utah (BLM)

- Secretarial Order Establishes Executive Committee for Expedited Permitting (BLM, BOEM, BSEE & NPS)

- New Interior Department Survey Shows Huge Increase in Recoverable Energy Resources in Alaska (BOEM, USGS & BLM)

3. Restore trust & be a good neighbor

○ President Trump and Secretary Zinke Announce Proclamations to Adjust Boundaries of National Monuments (BLM)

○ Zinke Applauded for Helping to Release Funds Long Overdue for Swain County, North Carolina (DOI)

○ Zinke Submits Recommendations to President on National Monuments: Restores Multiple-Use and Maintains all Public Lands (DOI)

○ Secretary Zinke Travels to Florida to Assess Hurricane Damage to National Parks and Fast Track Recovery Efforts (NPS)

○ Interior Authorizes Full Decision Making Power to Bikini Islands Over Annual Budget (OIA)

○ Secretary Opens the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge for Emergency Grazing After Wildfire (USFWS)

○ Ahead of Two Category Five Hurricanes, Zinke Expedited Release of Funding for the U.S. Virgin Islands (OIA & NPS)

○ National Park Service Completes the Reopening of the Virgin Islands National Park After Hurricane Irma Devastates the Island (NPS)

4. Ensure Tribal sovereignty means something

- Tara Mac Lean Sweeney Becomes First-Ever Female Alaska Native Nominated to Serve as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (BIA)

- Water Rights Settlement Signed with Pechanga Band of Luiseño Mission Indians (BIA)

- Secretary Zinke Established a Royalty Policy Committee to Improve Energy Leases on Federal Land and Waters, Giving Tribes a seat at the Table (ONRR)

- Alaskan Natives Have Rights Restored to Sell Handicrafts (BIA)

5. Increase revenues to support DOI and national interests

- Energy Disbursements Grow by \$1 Billion Over Previous Year (ONNR)

- BLM Issues Timber Payments of Nearly \$20 Million to Rural Oregon Counties (BLM)

- Utah Coal Lease Approved for \$22 Million (BLM)

- Gulf of Mexico Lease Generates \$275 Million (BSEE)

- Onshore Oil and Gas Lease Sales Net \$317 Million in Revenue (BLM & BSEE)

6. Protect our people and the border

- Secretary Takes Aggressive Action to Prevent Wildland Fires (BLM, OWF, NPS, USFWS & BIA)
- Seminole Tribe Receives Presidential Emergency Declaration (BIA)
- Secretary Zinke and Perdue Host Inter-Agency Wildfire Listening Session with Federal, State and Local Stakeholders (DOI)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Coordinates with Indian Health Service to Provide Naloxone Training to BIA Officers to Reverse Effects of Opioid Overdose (BIA)
- Quick Response by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Staff Assists the Power-Starved Communities of Hatteras and Ocracoke Islands (USFWS)
- Trump and Zinke's Budget Plan Approved, Authorizes Full Funding of Palau Compact Agreement, Strengthening U.S. Strategic Defense in the Pacific (OIA)

7. Strike a regulatory balance

- Secretary Zinke Signs Order to Review Costly and Burdensome Red Tape in Order to Advance American Energy (DOI)
- Department of Interior Outlines Costly and Burdensome Regulations to Repeal or Rewrite to Achieve American Energy Dominance (DOI)

- Interior Streamlines Permitting Process Under the National Environmental Policy Act (DOI)
- Environmental Impact Statements Limited to 150 Pages (DOI)
- Interior Reduces the Semi-Annual Regulatory Agenda by More than 50% (DOI)

8. Modernize our infrastructure

- Interior Approves Boardman to Hemingway Transmission Line Project that Creates Jobs and Improves Energy Infrastructure (BLM)
- Secretary Zinke Announces the Arlington Memorial Bridge Project is Under Budget and Ahead of Schedule (NPS)
- Secretary Zinke Announces Nearly \$32 Million in Boating Infrastructure, Recreation and Tourism Grants (DOI, USFWS, NPS & BoR)
- Secretary Announces more than \$50 Million for National Parks Infrastructure (NPS)

9. Reorganize DOI for the next 100 years

- The Secretary is Crafting a Plan to Reorganize the Department of the Interior (DOI)

10. Achieving our goals, leading our team forward

- Secretary Zinke Outlines Plan to Combat Workplace Harassment (DOI)
- In an Effort to Boost Employee Morale and be More Competitive in Attracting New Employees, the Department of the Interior Announces First Ever, “Doggy Days” (DOI)
- Interior Moves Up into the Top Ten of “Best Places to Work” (DOI)

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Sent: 2018-06-28T18:15:58-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] State Think Tank Energy - Environment Fly-In - Meet with Interior?
Received: 2018-06-28T18:16:03-04:00

Hi Todd,

I hope you are doing well. I know he is quite busy, but John Tanner might be a good person for our group to meet with as he deals with legislative efforts. Just a thought.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Wildfire Op-ed
Received: 2018-06-28T22:11:28-04:00

Jason,

Thought I'd pass along this op-ed I wrote on wildfires. With wildfire season heating up, your office may find it helpful. Let me know if you have any questions.

<http://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/394632-western-states-brace-for-most-severe-wildfire-outbreak-since-2012>

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Sent: 2018-06-29T10:44:22-04:00
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Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] State Think Tank Energy - Environment Fly-In - Meet with Interior?
Received: 2018-06-29T10:45:00-04:00

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I am out of the office without cell and email service from July 7th through July 13th fly fishing on our public lands. If you need assistance before my return date, please call (801) 355-1272.

Cc: Jennifer Butler[butler@spn.org]
From: Funes, Jason
Sent: 2018-07-11T13:57:49-04:00
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Subject: Public Policy Roundtable With Secretary Zinke - **RSVP Request**
Received: 2018-07-11T13:58:22-04:00
[Invite For Public Policy Roundtable - State-Based Groups.pdf](#)

Esteemed State Policy Network Colleagues,

As the Department of the Interior works in partnership with Jennifer Butler at SPN, we would like to formally invite your organization to virtually attend and participate in a roundtable meeting with Secretary Ryan Zinke. This will take place on July 17th, 2018 from 10am - 12pm EDT.

Secretary Zinke is inviting leaders from the most prominent right-of-center think tanks across the country to meet and discuss one of the Administration's and the Secretary's top priorities--reorganizing the Department of the Interior. His desire is to speak to organizations across America, and that means you!

We would like your organization involved with this process and want to hear your thoughts on how we can ensure that reorganizing the Department of the Interior will benefit all Americans by reducing administrative redundancy, sharing resources more effectively, improving coordination among federal, state, and local agencies, and drive more decisions to be made at the regional level rather than in Washington D.C.

Many of the most prominent right-of-center national organizations will be in attendance here in Washington D.C. However we are setting up this roundtable event so that you can attend virtually via a WebX from anywhere across the country.

Please RSVP to attend this roundtable virtually by clicking [HERE](#) so that we can send you a link to attend via WebX. Further access details and information will be provided to those who RSVP.

Reorganization may be the primary topic of discussion, however all issues are on the table to discuss. Yet in order to better address the issues important to YOU and your state's organization, we ask that all groups receiving this invitation reply to this email with your top 3 DOI related issues. This will help us better address issues at this roundtable and in the future.

Again, please RSVP [HERE](#) by close of business Friday July 13th, and we will provide you further attendance details by close of business Monday July 16th.

If you have any questions please email Jason_Funes@ios.doi.gov

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to having you participate in this monumental nationwide meeting.

Making the Department of the Interior Great Again,
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Tuesday, July seventeenth of two thousand and eighteen
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Click [HERE](#) by COB Friday, July 13th in order to receive details and logistical
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If you have any questions please contact: Jason Funes@ios.doi.gov

To: Funes, Jason[jason_funes@ios.doi.gov]
From: Boyd Matheson
Sent: 2018-08-14T11:41:06-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Automatic reply: Secretary Zinke Announces First Ever Joint Federal Record of Decision
Received: 2018-08-14T11:41:10-04:00

Thank you for contacting Sutherland Institute. We regret to inform you that Boyd Matheson is no longer employed here. Please direct any future correspondence to Amber Maxfield at amber@sifreedom.org.

This is an automated reply. For your convenience, this email has been automatically forwarded to Amber Maxfield.

To: Matthew Anderson[Matt@sifreedom.org]
From: Funes, Jason
Sent: 2018-08-14T16:52:25-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: One Pager
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[7-2-18 Restore Our Parks Act Summary.pdf](#)

Here is some additional info...

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The Restore Our Parks Act 2018 (S.3172)

Senators Portman (R-OH), Warner (D-VA), Alexander (R-TN) and King (I-ME) introduced the Restore Our Parks Act, S.3172, legislation that would address the multi-billion maintenance backlog plaguing the National Park Service. The bipartisan bill brings together the best components of the previously introduced National Park Service Legacy Act and the National Park Restoration Act.

The Restore Our Parks Act would:

- Establish a federal fund in the U.S. Treasury—named the “National Park Service Legacy Restoration Fund”—to draw down the national park maintenance backlog.
- Direct 50% of federal mineral revenues—such as royalties from on-shore and off-shore oil, gas, coal, and other mineral operations, as well as renewables—that are not already allocated by law to other programs, into the Fund.
- The Fund would be established for five years, from FY2019-FY2023, with annual revenue capped at \$1.3 billion.
- Provide for the following uses:
65% of the Fund would go toward the repair of non-transportation resources (historic structures, visitor facilities, trails, water utility systems, and assets that impact disability access, health and safety, access and recreation). 35% would be used to restore transportation-related assets (roads, bridges, and tunnels).
- Prohibit allocated funds from being used for land acquisition or from replacing discretionary funding for NPS facility operations and maintenance needs.
- Allow the Secretary of Treasury to invest the funds in a public debt security; any income from the investment would be returned to the Fund.
- Provides Appropriators opportunity to review NPS’ deferred maintenance list.
- Encourage public-private donations that go toward deferred maintenance projects.

CURRENT STATUS

S. 3172 was introduced on June 28, 2018 and was referred to the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

From: Funes, Jason
Sent: 2018-08-15T09:34:20-04:00
Importance: Normal
Subject: News Releases Regarding UT Monuments
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[BENM - News Release \(updated 8-14\).docx](#)
[GSENM - News Release \(updated 8-14\).docx](#)

Since there was incorrect and incomplete information leaked yesterday from USDA about this, I wanted to give you a heads up before these releases are distributed later today... Please call me with any questions.

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BLM invites the public to review draft Bears Ears National Monument plans

Comments will help shape future management of the national monument

SALT LAKE CITY The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is initiating a 90-day comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Monument Management Plans (MMPs) for the Indian Creek and Shash Jáa Units of the Bears Ears National Monument. A notice of availability will be published in the Federal Register on August 17, 2018, and the draft documents will be available for review on the BLM ePlanning website at <https://goo.gl/uLrEae>. Comments will be accepted through Nov. 15, 2018.

“We recognize that local communities and the public at large care deeply about the future of Bears Ears National Monument. We invite the public to review and comment on the proposed plans, and to consider how they would like to see this remarkable landscape managed now and for future generations,” said Utah State Director Ed Roberson.

On January 16, 2018, the BLM initiated planning to prepare MMPs for the Bears Ears National Monument Indian Creek Unit, and for the Shash Jáa Unit, which is co-managed with the Manti La-Sal National Forest. As part of that action, the BLM also announced that it would prepare an associated EIS. Since then, the BLM and the USFS have worked with cooperating agencies to develop draft management plans and a draft EIS reflecting input from many stakeholders and the public. The plans include a range of alternatives addressing management issues brought forward during scoping.

“We’ve been on the ground working with and listening to local communities, stakeholders, and the public,” said Canyon Country District Manager Lance Porter, “and we have identified a variety of options to meet the challenges of providing quality recreation experiences for visitors, facilitating uses like grazing or gathering firewood, and protecting the natural and cultural resources that we are entrusted to manage.” The four alternatives range from minimal change in management to an approach providing maximum management flexibility while protecting Monument objects and resource values. The BLM encourages comments on all alternatives and potential management actions, as the final management plans may include portions of any alternative.

To help the BLM properly consider and incorporate feedback, please include a reference to a specific page or section for your comment. Comments may be submitted the following ways:

- Email: blm_ut_monticello_monuments@blm.gov
- Mail: BLM, Canyon Country District Office, 82 East Dogwood, Moab, Utah 84532, Attention: Lance Porter

Please include your name and street address. Your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. You can request your personal identifying information be withheld from public review, but the BLM cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

The BLM will announce future meetings or other public involvement activities at least 15 days in advance through public notices, media releases, and/or mailed notifications.

For further information concerning the land use planning process, please contact Lance Porter, District Manager at (435) 259-2100. Persons who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339 to contact the above individual during normal business hours. The FRS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to leave a message or question with the above individual. You will receive a reply during normal business hours.

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. The agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of America's public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. Diverse activities authorized on these lands generated \$75 billion in sales of goods and services throughout the American economy in fiscal year 2016 more than any other agency in the Department of the Interior. These activities supported more than 372,000 jobs.

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Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah

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August 15, 2018

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BLM invites the public to review draft Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Kanab-Escalante Planning Area plans

Comments help shape future management of these public lands

KANAB, Utah—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is initiating a 90-day comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Resource Management Plans (RMPs) for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) and for Federal lands previously included in the GSENM that are now identified as the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area. A notice of availability will be published in the Federal Register on August 17, 2018, and the draft documents will be available for review on the BLM ePlanning website at <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>. Comments will be accepted through Nov. 15, 2018.

“It’s been nearly 20 years since the public has had the unique opportunity to help shape the future of the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument—the BLM’s first ever national monument,” said BLM Utah State Director Ed Roberson. “Developing new management plans is an exciting challenge and a serious responsibility that is shared by everyone who cares about these lands.”

On January 16, 2018, the BLM initiated planning for these lands and hosted a nearly three-month long scoping period and two public meetings. Since then, the BLM has worked with cooperating agencies to develop draft management plans and a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) reflecting input from many stakeholders and the public. The plans include a range of alternatives addressing management issues brought forward during scoping.

“We want to hear from you,” said Harry Barber, acting Monument manager. “This review period provides an important opportunity for you to influence the decision-making process. The alternatives in the draft EIS address the challenges of protecting natural and cultural resources, including objects of pre-historic, paleontological, historic, and scientific interest within the monument, while also addressing multiple uses of public lands.”

The Draft RMPs/Draft EIS evaluate four alternatives varying from no action to maximizing management flexibility, while still providing for resource protection, including protection of Monument objects within the GSENM, as required by applicable laws, policies, and plans. The BLM encourages comments on all alternatives and potential management actions, as the final management plans may include portions of any alternative. Incorporating local voices and the public at large in the planning process is vital to managing sustainable, working public lands.

To help the BLM properly consider and incorporate feedback, please include a reference to a specific page or section of the Draft EIS/Draft RMP in your comment. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail: 669 S Hwy 89A Kanab, UT 84741, Attn: Matt Betenson
- ePlanning: <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>

Before including your address, phone number, email address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

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Joint Resolution Urging Congress to Relocate Federal Land Management Agency Headquarters

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900009002/resolution-urges-blm-forest-service-relocation-to-utah.html>

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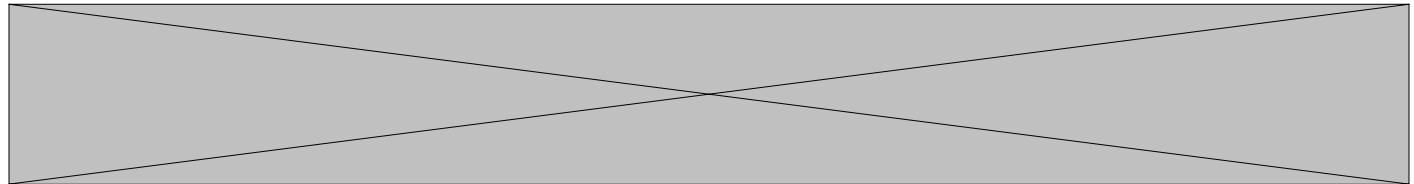
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Thought this may be of interest.... American innovation has and will continue to make America great!!



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For Immediate Release: September 12, 2018

Bureau of Reclamation launches funding opportunity for 2019 Desalination and Water Purification Research Program

The Desalination and Water Purification Research Program seeks to develop more innovative, cost-effective and technologically efficient ways to desalinate or treat water

WASHINGTON - The Bureau of Reclamation is making the 2019 funding opportunity for the Desalination and Water Purification Research Program. The funding opportunity is available for private industry, universities, water utilities and other research sponsors to submit proposals to cost-share laboratory-scale and pilot-scale projects that address DWPR goals and objectives.

To view this funding opportunity, please visit www.grants.gov and search for funding opportunity number BOR-DO-19-F001. Applicants for desalination and water purification research projects funding must submit their proposals by 4:00 p.m. MST on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

The goal of the DWPR Program is to increase water supplies by reducing cost, energy consumption and environmental impacts of treating impaired and otherwise unusable waters. Reclamation is interested in research where the benefits are widespread and where research has a national significance — where the issue are of large-scale concern and the benefits accrue to a large sector of the public.

Funding is available, subject to appropriations, in two areas, Laboratory and Pilot Scale projects.

- Laboratory scale projects are typically bench scale studies involving small flow rates. They are used to determine the viability of a novel process, new materials or process modifications. Federal funding is limited to no more than \$150,000.
- Pilot scale projects test a novel process at a sufficiently large scale to determine the technical, practical and economic viability of the process and are generally preceded by laboratory studies that demonstrate they technology works. Federal funding is limited to no more than \$400,000 per proposal, up to \$200,000 will be available in the first year and up to \$200,000 for an optional second year for finalizing testing, justified modifications and evaluation.

Individuals, institutions of higher education, commercial and industrial organizations, private entities, State and local governments, federally funded research and development centers, Tribal governments and organizations, United States-Mexico binational research foundations and inter-university research programs, and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply.

For institutions of higher education and for United States-Mexico binational research foundations and inter-university research programs, non-Federal cost share is not required but highly encouraged. All other applicants must provide at least 75 percent non-Federal cost share

The DWPR program is supporting the Department of the Interior's priorities, including: creating a conservation stewardship legacy second only to Teddy Roosevelt, utilizing our natural resources, and restoring trust with local communities, among others.

To learn more about Reclamation's Desalination and Water Purification Research Program please visit www.usbr.gov/research/dwpr.

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Greetings,

Today's conference call regarding BLM's Waste Prevention Rule will take place at 3:30 pm EDT. Below is the access information

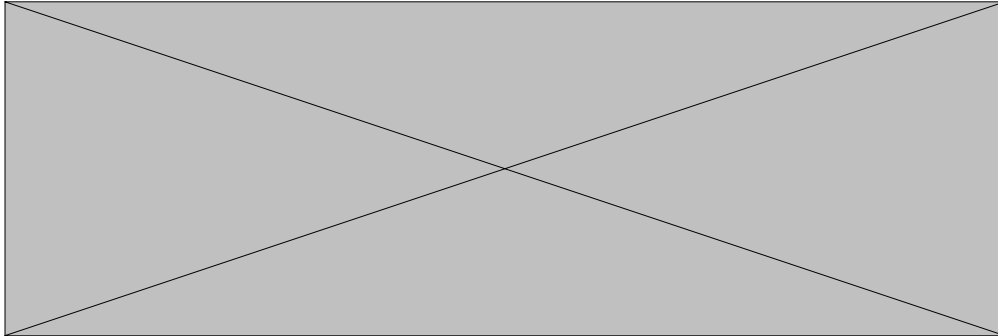
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This call will start promptly at 3:30 pm yet plan to call in several minutes earlier as we plan to start on time and there is a hard stop at 4:00pm.

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Interior Department Finalizes New Waste Prevention Rule

The new rule re-establishes long-standing requirements and eliminates duplicative regulations that hurt states and Tribes

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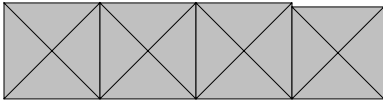
The BLM reviewed the 2016 rule and found that it had considerable overlap in existing State, Tribal and Federal regulations. Additionally, the agency determined that the previous administration underestimated the cost in the 2016 rule.

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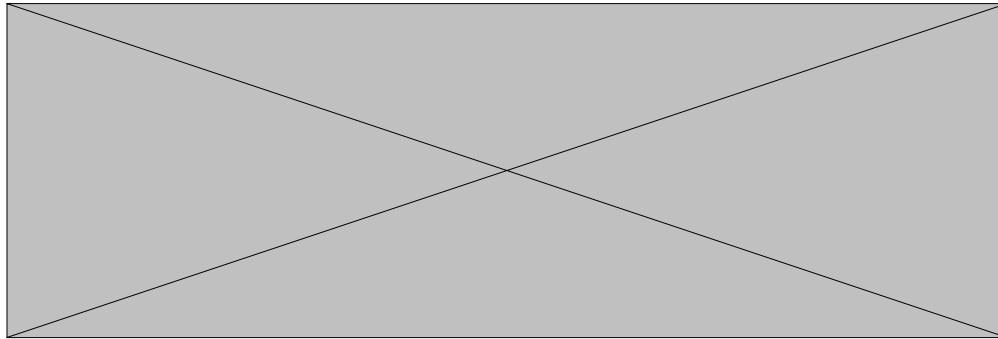
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Publication of the final rule in the Federal Register is forthcoming. The rule is effective 60 days after publication. A pre-publication version of the final rule can be found at <https://go.usa.gov/xP2qE>.

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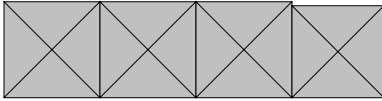
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Esteemed Colleagues,

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At 9 am ET yesterday, The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Wyoming, in keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to collaborate closely with states to enhance conservation.

The proposed plan amendments align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, striking a regulatory balance and building trust with Western communities.

The Final EISs are available online at:

Colorado: <https://goo.gl/kmLtwT>

Idaho: <https://goo.gl/Jd8uVf>

Oregon: <https://goo.gl/4CNtH8>

Nevada/California: <https://goo.gl/uz89cT>

Utah: <https://goo.gl/o2AQWQ>

Wyoming: <https://goo.gl/22jKE2>

The press releases for each state are attached.

Publication of the Final EISs and proposed amendments initiates a 30-day protest period. The Governors of the states also have 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local laws and regulations. The process will conclude with a Record of Decision (ROD) following resolution of any protests received during the 30-day review period.

Despite the many bias and fake news reports that have been published on the topic, we have worked closely with the states and Secretary Zinke's collaborative efforts have had tremendous local support.

Colorado Governor Quote:

"We worked with the Bureau of Land Management and our stakeholders to produce a plan that maintains protection for the sage grouse while balancing the potential impact on local

economies,” said Governor John Hickenlooper. “This is a significant step that closes out the planning phase and allows us to begin to see the true conservation efforts that safeguard the sage grouse in Colorado.”

Utah Governor Quote:

“This is a great example of federal leaders listening to state leaders, valuing their expertise, and changing their plans based on that input. Secretary Zinke, Deputy Secretary Bernhardt, and Acting BLM Director Steed have worked with us to develop plans that support Utah’s ongoing efforts to conserve, enhance, and restore sage-grouse habitats throughout the state. That has not been easy but it’s the right approach for the species and for the state.”

Nevada Governor Quote:

“The State of Nevada is pleased the final EIS is finished,” Governor Brian Sandoval said. “We appreciate the opportunity to have worked closely with the Department of Interior on our concerns and thank them for incorporating our input into the final plan amendments.”

Wyoming Governor Quote:

“Having better alignment between state and federal management for the bird is important to the species and the people of Wyoming,” said Governor Matt Mead. “I thank the Department of the Interior, both locally and nationally, for working with Wyoming throughout this plan amendment process.”

Idaho Governor Quote:

“It is refreshing to have a federal agency willing to listen to the people in Idaho on an issue so important to our state and the west. I appreciate Secretary Zinke’s commitment to upholding our state-based conservation plan for sage-grouse. We worked hard to develop a plan that was based in science and appropriately tailored to address the primary threats in Idaho.”

Oregon Governor Quote:

“Collaboration is hard work, and I appreciate the efforts by our stakeholders, state agencies and the Department of Interior to craft an agreement to protect the sage grouse. Balancing sage grouse habitat protection and economic development requires mitigation of negative impacts. This agreement is a critical step that marks a shift away from planning toward active conservation and landscape management to protect this iconic species. Oregon’s bounty is beautiful and worth continuing to protect and fight for.”

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BLM Proposes Increased Flexibility and Access in Sage-Grouse Plans

Proposed amendments would align conservation efforts at state and federal levels

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah In keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to work closely with states to enhance conservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in Utah.

The proposed plan amendments aim to better align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, strike a regulatory balance and build greater trust among neighboring interests in Western communities. The proposed amendments and final EISs also addresses the issues remanded to the agency by a March 31, 2017, order by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, which determined that the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it finalized the 2015 Nevada plan.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with Governor Herbert's team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plans," said **Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies including those within the Department of the Interior."

Bernhardt continued, "With today's action we have leaned forward to address the various states' issues, while appropriately ensuring that we will continue to be focused on meaningfully addressing the threats to the Greater Sage-Grouse and making efforts to improve its habitat."

The BLM developed the changes in collaboration with Utah Gov. Gary Herbert, state wildlife managers, and other concerned organizations and individuals, largely through the Western Governors Association's Sage-Grouse Task Force.

"This is a great example of federal leaders listening to state leaders, valuing their expertise, and changing their plans based on that input. Secretary Zinke, Deputy Secretary Bernhardt, and BLM Deputy Director Steed have worked with us to develop plans that support Utah's ongoing efforts to conserve, enhance, and restore sage-grouse habitats throughout the state," **Gov. Herbert** said. "That has not been easy, but it's the right approach for the species and for the state."

The proposed changes refine the previous management plans adopted in 2015. Under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the BLM is required by law to work cooperatively with states on land-use plans and amendments.

“The proposed plans help increase management flexibility for Utah’s working landscapes, allowing for multiple-uses while still providing robust ongoing protection of sage-grouse habitat,” **said BLM Utah State Director Ed Roberson.** “I value the close working relationship we have with the State of Utah and our cooperating agencies. The plans highlight our shared interests in conservation, while also supporting job-creating industries. It is the BLM’s mission to strike this kind of balance.”

In Utah, the proposed amendments would add exceptions to the No Surface Occupancy (NSO) stipulation on energy leases in non-habitat areas; allow disturbance or density caps to be exceeded when improved outcomes for habitat are expected to result; clarify the process of identifying “essential habitat” during coal leasing; and remove the Sagebrush Focal Area and General Habitat Management Area designations included in the 2015 plans.

The proposed amendments would also open 14,220 acres of BLM-managed lands to cross-country off-highway vehicle use, which represents a common-sense approach to providing more public access for recreation uses that is consistent with conservation of the species. The amendment process also offered an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under FLPMA with those established under Utah law.

The BLM has also published Final EISs for lands it manages in Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Nevada/northeastern California and Wyoming.

Publication of the Final EIS and proposed amendments in tomorrow’s *Federal Register* initiates a 30-day protest period, which will run through January 8, 2019. The Utah Governor also has 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local laws and regulations. The process will conclude with a Record of Decision (ROD) following resolution of any protests received during the 30-day review period.

Approval of the Final EIS Proposed Plan Amendment would require amendments to 14 current BLM resource management plans: Box Elder, Cedar/Beaver/Garfield/Antimony, Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, House Range, Kanab, Park City, Pinyon, Pony Express, Price, Randolph, Richfield, Vernal, Warm Springs, and the Salt Lake District Isolated Tracts Planning Analysis.

Anyone who participated in the process for the Utah EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed land use plan amendments in the Final EIS will have the opportunity to protest the proposed plan amendments.

The Final EIS is now available online at <https://goo.gl/o2AQWQ>. Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS are found online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address or submitted electronically through the BLM ePlanning project website. To submit a protest electronically, go to the

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Proposed amendments would align conservation efforts at state and federal levels

BOISE, Idaho In keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to work closely with states to enhance conservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in Idaho.

The proposed plan amendments aim to better align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, strike a regulatory balance and build greater trust among neighboring interests in Western communities. The proposed amendments and final EISs also addresses the issues remanded to the agency by a March 31, 2017, order by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, which determined that the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it finalized the 2015 Nevada plan.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with Governor Otter's team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plans," said **Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies including those within the Department of the Interior."

Bernhardt continued, "With today's action we have leaned forward to address the various states' issues, while appropriately ensuring that we will continue to be focused on meaningfully addressing the threats to the Greater Sage-Grouse and making efforts to improve its habitat."

The BLM developed the changes in collaboration with **Idaho Gov. Butch Otter**, state wildlife managers, and other concerned organizations and individuals, largely through the Western Governors Association's Sage-Grouse Task Force.

"It is refreshing to have a federal agency willing to listen to the people in Idaho on an issue so important to our state and the West," **Gov. Otter** said. "I appreciate Secretary Zinke's commitment to upholding our state-based conservation plan for sage-grouse. We worked hard to develop a plan that was based in science and appropriately tailored to address the primary threats in Idaho."

The proposed changes refine the previous management plans adopted in 2015. Under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the BLM is required by law to work cooperatively with states on land-use plans and amendments.

“This plan has garnered wide support from a variety of stakeholders, including private industry, state agencies, and non-profit organizations that recognize the importance of conserving Greater Sage-Grouse while sustaining the multiple uses on BLM lands that are critical to Idaho’s economy,” said **Peter Ditton, Acting BLM Idaho State Director**.

In Idaho, the proposed amendments would establish buffer distances corresponding to the state’s three types of habitat management areas; remove the Sagebrush Focal Area designation from the 2015 plans; and adjust objectives for grazing allotments that contain or overlap with sagebrush-steppe habitat. The amendment process also offered an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under FLPMA with those established under Idaho law.

The BLM has also published Final EISs for lands it manages in Colorado, Oregon, Nevada/northeastern California, Utah and Wyoming.

Publication of the Final EIS and proposed amendments in tomorrow’s *Federal Register* initiates a 30-day protest period, which will run through January 8, 2019. The Idaho Governor also has 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local laws and regulations. The process will conclude with a Record of Decision (ROD) following resolution of any protests received during the 30-day review period.

Approval of BLM’s Idaho Final EIS Proposed Plan Amendment would require amendments to 21 current BLM resource management plans: Bennett Hills/Timmerman Hills, Big Desert, Big Lost, Bruneau, Cascade, Cassia, Challis, Craters of the Moon National Monument, Jarbidge (1988 and 2015 Revision), Kuna, Lemhi, Little Lost-Birch Creek, Magic, Medicine Lodge, Monument, Owyhee, Pocatello, Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area, Sun Valley and Twin Falls.

Anyone who participated in the process for the Idaho EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed land use plan amendments in the Final EIS will have the opportunity to protest the proposed plan amendments.

The Final EIS is now available online at <https://goo.gl/Jd8uVf>. Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS are found online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address or submitted electronically through the BLM ePlanning project website. To submit a protest electronically, go to the ePlanning project webpage <https://goo.gl/Jd8uVf> and follow the instructions at the top of the home page.

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California State Office

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. In keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to work closely with states to enhance conservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in northeastern California.

The proposed plan amendments aim to better align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, strike a regulatory balance and build greater trust among neighboring interests in Western communities. The proposed amendments and final EISs also addresses the issues remanded to the agency by a March 31, 2017, order by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, which determined that the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it finalized the 2015 Nevada plan.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with the state of California's team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plans," said **Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies including those within the Department of the Interior."

Bernhardt continued, "With today's action we have leaned forward to address the various states' issues, while appropriately ensuring that we will continue to be focused on meaningfully addressing the threats to the Greater Sage-Grouse and making efforts to improve its habitat."

The BLM developed the changes in collaboration with governors' offices and state wildlife managers in Nevada and California, and other concerned organizations and individuals. Amendments to the existing BLM plans for managing 2.36 million acres of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat in Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Sierra and Washoe counties were analyzed in the same EIS that covers habitat in Nevada because of the many biological connections among the two states' sage-grouse populations.

The proposed changes refine the previous management plans adopted in 2015. Under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the BLM is required by law to work cooperatively with states on land-use plans and amendments.

“The BLM Northern California District has a long history of working with other agencies, tribes and landowners to conserve the sage grouse habitat,” said **Acting BLM California State Director Joseph Stout**. “We will continue to work closely with those partners, including the Buffalo-Skedaddle Sage Grouse Working Group, to benefit this species and those who look to the public lands to support their quality of life and livelihoods.”

The proposed amendments would not change the restrictions or access limitations in habitat management areas (HMAs) that are set in the 2015 plans but would provide more flexibility for approving exceptions. The amendment process also offered an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under FLPMA with those established under state laws.

The BLM has also published Final EISs for lands it manages in Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Publication of the Final EIS and proposed amendments in tomorrow’s *Federal Register* initiates a 30-day protest period, which will run through January 8, 2019. The California Governor also has 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local laws and regulations. The process will conclude with a Record of Decision (ROD) following resolution of any protests received during the 30-day review period.

Approval of the Final EIS Proposed Plan Amendment would require amendments to three current BLM resource management plans: Alturas, Eagle Lake and Surprise.

Anyone who participated in the process for the Nevada and Northeastern California EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed land use plan amendments in the Final EIS will have the opportunity to protest the proposed plan amendments.

The Final EIS is available online at <https://goo.gl/uz89cT>. Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS are found online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address or submitted electronically through the BLM ePlanning project website. To submit a protest electronically, go to the ePlanning project webpage <https://goo.gl/uz89cT> and follow the instructions at the top of the home page.

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BLM Proposes Increased Flexibility and Access in Sage-Grouse Plans

Proposed amendments would align conservation efforts at state and federal levels

RENO, Nev. In keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to work closely with states to enhance conservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in Nevada.

The proposed plan amendments aim to better align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, strike a regulatory balance and build greater trust among neighboring interests in Western communities. They also address a legal vulnerability that was exposed when a Federal District Court in Nevada determined that the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it finalized the 2015 plans.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with Governor Sandoval's team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plans," said **Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies including those within the Department of the Interior."

Bernhardt continued, "With today's action we have leaned forward to address the various states' issues, while appropriately ensuring that we will continue to be focused on meaningfully addressing the threats to the Greater Sage-Grouse and making efforts to improve its habitat."

The BLM developed the changes in collaboration with Nevada **Gov. Brian Sandoval**, state wildlife managers in Nevada and California, and other concerned organizations and individuals, largely through the Western Governors Association's Sage-Grouse Task Force.

"The State of Nevada is pleased the final EIS is finished," **Gov. Sandoval** said. "We appreciate the opportunity to have worked closely with the Department of the Interior on our concerns, and thank them for incorporating our input into the final plan amendments."

The proposed changes refine the previous management plans adopted in 2015. Under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the BLM is required by law to work cooperatively with states on land-use plans and amendments.

“The analysis in the Final EIS builds on the analysis of threats, risks and environmental effects found in the 2015 documents, and any new information identified during the current planning process,” said **Acting Nevada State Director Brian Amme**. “The proposed changes will enhance cooperation with our stakeholders by ensuring that the BLM’s approach to managing sage-grouse habitat is better aligned with the individual state plans and conservation actions.”

In Nevada and northeastern California, the proposed amendments would remove the Sagebrush Focal Area designations in the 2015 plans and replace the adaptive management strategy with the causal-factor analysis strategy in the State of Nevada’s sage-grouse plan. The proposed amendments would not change the restrictions or access limitations in habitat management areas that are set in the 2015 plans but would provide more flexibility for approving exceptions.

The proposed changes for lands in designated habitat in Nevada would allow land disposal actions (i.e., sales) if they meet goals set by Congress in specific legislation, such as the Lincoln County Land Act of 2000 and the White Pine County Conservation, Recreation, and Development Act of 2006. The amendment process also offered an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under FLPMA with those established under Nevada law.

The BLM has also published Final EISs for lands it manages in Colorado, Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming.

Publication of the Final EIS and proposed amendments in tomorrow’s *Federal Register* initiates a 30-day protest period, which will run through January 8, 2019. The Nevada Governor also has 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local laws and regulations. The process will conclude with a Record of Decision (ROD) following resolution of any protests received during the 30-day review period.

Approval of the Final EIS Proposed Plan Amendments would require amendments to eight current BLM resource management plans covering public lands in Nevada: Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon NCA, Carson City Consolidated, Shoshone-Eureka, Elko, Ely, Tonopah, Wells and Winnemucca.

Anyone who participated in the process for the Nevada and Northeastern California EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed land use plan amendments in the Final EIS will have the opportunity to protest the proposed plan amendments.

The Final EIS is now available online at <https://goo.gl/uz89cT>. Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS are found online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address or submitted electronically through the BLM ePlanning project website. To submit a protest electronically, go to the ePlanning project webpage <https://goo.gl/uz89cT> and follow the instructions at the top of the home page.

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PORTLAND, Ore. In keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to work closely with states to enhance conservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in Oregon.

The proposed plan amendments aim to better align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, strike a regulatory balance and build trust among neighboring interests in Western communities. The proposed amendments and final EISs also addresses the issues remanded to the agency by a March 31, 2017, order by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, which determined that the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it finalized the 2015 Nevada plan.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with Governor Brown's team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plan," said **Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies, including those within the Department of the Interior.

Bernhardt continued, "With today's action we have leaned forward to address the various states' issues, while appropriately ensuring that we will continue to be focused on meaningfully addressing the threats to the Greater Sage-Grouse and making efforts to improve its habitat."

The BLM developed the plan changes in cooperation with **Oregon Governor Kate Brown**, state wildlife managers, and other concerned organizations and individuals, largely through the Western Governors Association's Sage-Grouse Task Force.

"Collaboration is hard work, and I appreciate the efforts by our stakeholders, state agencies and the Department of the Interior to craft an agreement to protect the sage grouse," **Gov. Brown** said. "Balancing sage grouse habitat protection and economic development requires mitigation of negative impacts. This agreement is a critical step that marks a shift away from planning

toward active conservation and landscape management to protect this iconic species. Oregon's bounty is beautiful and worth continuing to protect and fight for."

"Throughout this process we've worked with Governor Brown and the affected counties in identifying a targeted plan amendment that simultaneously deals with threats to Greater Sage-Grouse and opens approximately 22,000 acres to livestock grazing," **said Chris McAlear, BLM Oregon/Washington Acting State Director.**

The proposed changes refine the previous management plans adopted in 2015. Under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the BLM is required by law to work cooperatively with states on land-use plans and amendments.

In Oregon, the proposed amendments focus on continuing to make public lands designated as Research Natural Areas (RNA) available for livestock grazing. Seventeen permittees currently use parts of 13 RNAs in southeast Oregon, with an estimated annual direct economic impact of \$30,000 to the ranches. The amendment process also offers an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under FLPMA with those established under Oregon law.

The BLM has also published Final EISs for lands it manages in Colorado, Idaho, Nevada and northeastern California, Utah and Wyoming.

Publication of the Final EIS and proposed amendments in tomorrow's *Federal Register* initiates a 30-day protest period, which will run through January 8, 2019. The Oregon Governor also has 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local laws and regulations. The process will conclude with a Record of Decision following resolution of any protests received during the 30-day review period.

Approval of the Final EIS Proposed Plan Amendment would require amendments to eight current BLM resource management plans: Andrews, Baker, Brothers/LaPine, Lakeview, Southeastern Oregon, Steens, Three Rivers, and Upper Deschutes.

Anyone who participated in the process for the 2018 Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed land use plan amendments in the Final EIS will have the opportunity to protest the proposed plan amendments.

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DENVER, Colo. In keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to work closely with states to enhance conservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in Colorado.

The proposed plan amendments aim to better align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, strike a regulatory balance and build greater trust among neighboring interests in Western communities. The proposed amendments and final EISs also addresses the issues remanded to the agency by a March 31, 2017, order by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, which determined that the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it finalized the 2015 Nevada plan.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with Governor Hickenlooper's team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plans," said **Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies including those within the Department of the Interior."

Bernhardt continued, "With today's action we have leaned forward to address the various states' issues, while appropriately ensuring that we will continue to be focused on meaningfully addressing the threats to the Greater Sage-Grouse and making efforts to improve its habitat."

The BLM developed the plan changes in cooperation with **Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper**, state wildlife managers, and other concerned organizations and individuals, largely through the Western Governors Association's Sage-Grouse Task Force.

"We worked with the Bureau of Land Management and our stakeholders to produce a plan that maintains protection for the sage grouse while balancing the potential impact on local economies," said **Gov. Hickenlooper**. "This is a significant step that closes out the planning

phase and allows us to begin to see the true conservation efforts that safeguard the sage grouse in Colorado.”

The proposed changes refine the previous management plans adopted in 2015. Under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the BLM is required by law to cooperatively with states on land-use plans and amendments.

“Throughout the amendment process, concerns from the state, local communities and our partners were at the center of our efforts,” said **BLM Colorado State Director Jamie Connell**. “This is the strongest plan yet for conserving Greater Sage-Grouse habitat and encouraging responsible environmental development.”

In Colorado, the proposed plan amendments open approximately 224,200 acres near Greater Sage-Grouse leks to fluid minerals leasing under a no surface occupancy stipulation. The amendments revise the language for waivers, exceptions, or modifications to no surface occupancy stipulations to reflect the state's authority over wildlife management and consider Colorado's unique habitat and management issues. The proposal also provides a process for adjusting habitat boundary maps to account for future changes. In addition, the amendment process offered an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under FLPMA with those established under Colorado law. The proposed amendments would apply to 1.7 million acres of BLM-managed sage-grouse habitat in northwest Colorado.

The BLM has also published Final EISs for lands it manages in Idaho, Oregon, Nevada/northeastern California, Utah and Wyoming.

Publication of the Final EIS and proposed amendments in tomorrow’s *Federal Register* initiates a 30-day protest period, which will run through January 8, 2019. The Colorado Governor also has 60 days to review the proposed amendments for consistency with state and local laws and regulations. The process will conclude with a Record of Decision (ROD) following resolution of any protests received during the 30-day review period.

Approval of the Final EIS Proposed Plan Amendment would require amendments to five current BLM resource management plans: Colorado River Valley, Grand Junction, Kremmling, Little Snake and White River.

Anyone who participated in the process for the 2018 Northwest Colorado Greater Sage-Grouse EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed land use plan amendments in the Final EIS will have the opportunity to protest the proposed plan amendments.

The Final EIS is now available online at <https://goo.gl/kmLtwT>. Instructions for filing a protest with the Director of the BLM regarding the Proposed RMPA/Final EIS are found online at <https://www.blm.gov/programs/planning-and-nepa/public-participation/filing-a-plan-protest>. All protests must be in writing and mailed to the appropriate address or submitted electronically through the BLM ePlanning project website. To submit a protest electronically, go to the ePlanning project webpage <https://goo.gl/kmLtwT> and follow the instructions at the top of the home page.

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BLM Proposes Increased Flexibility and Access in Sage-Grouse Plans

Proposed amendments would align conservation efforts at state and federal levels

CHEYENNE, Wyo. In keeping with Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke's commitment to work closely with states to enhance conservation, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) today announced the availability of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and proposed plan amendments addressing Greater Sage-Grouse conservation on public land in Wyoming.

The proposed plan amendments aim to better align BLM resource management plans with state plans for conserving sage-grouse populations, strike a regulatory balance and build greater trust among neighboring interests in Western communities. The proposed amendments and final EISs also addresses the issues remanded to the agency by a March 31, 2017, order by the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada, which determined that the BLM had violated the National Environmental Policy Act when it finalized the 2015 Nevada plan.

"We have appreciated the opportunity to work with Governor Mead's team on a carefully crafted amendment to the 2015 plans," said **Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt**. "We know the successful conservation of the Greater Sage-Grouse requires the shared stewardship vision of the states, private citizens, landowners and federal land management agencies including those within the Department of the Interior."

Bernhardt continued, "With today's action we have leaned forward to address the various states' issues, while appropriately ensuring that we will continue to be focused on meaningfully addressing the threats to the Greater Sage-Grouse and making efforts to improve its habitat."

The BLM developed the changes in collaboration with **Wyoming Gov. Matt Mead**, state wildlife managers, and other concerned organizations and individuals, largely through the Western Governors Association's Sage-Grouse Task Force.

"Having better alignment between state and federal management for the bird is important to the species and the people of Wyoming," **Gov. Mead** said. "I thank the Department of the Interior, both locally and nationally, for working with Wyoming throughout this plan amendment process."

The proposed changes refine the previous management plans adopted in 2015. Under the 1976 Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), the BLM is required by law to work cooperatively with states on land-use plans and amendments.

“In Wyoming, we have the privilege of working with a variety of concerned stakeholders and communities living close to the land in managing some of the country’s largest intact sagebrush ecosystems,” **said BLM Wyoming State Director Mary Jo Rugwell.** “We designed the proposed plan amendment to address the remaining concerns of our agency partners and the public. Our shared goals are the successful conservation of Greater Sage-Grouse habitat and ensuring multiple-use access to every American.”

The proposed amendments in Wyoming would adopt the state’s Compensatory Mitigation Framework; clarify objectives for sage-grouse habitat where livestock grazing is also authorized; increase flexibility to grant waivers, exceptions or modifications in energy leasing; and remove the Sagebrush Focal Area designation from more than 1.9 million acres of habitat. The amendment process also offered an opportunity for the BLM to align its mitigation requirements under FLPMA with those established under Wyoming law.

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Approval of the Final EIS Proposed Plan Amendment would require amendments to 10 current BLM resource management plans: Buffalo, Casper, Cody, Kemmerer, Lander, Newcastle, Pinedale, Rawlins, Green River and Worland.

Anyone who participated in the process for the Wyoming EIS and who has an interest that is or may be adversely affected by the proposed land use plan amendments in the Final EIS will have the opportunity to protest the proposed plan amendments.

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